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Egyptian Navy intercepts Israeli pleasure boat

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 9 (AP): The Egyptian Navy detained 35 people, including French and German tourists, today after intercepting and damaging an Israeli pleasure boat that apparently strayed into Egyptian waters in the Red Sea, the Foreign Ministry and Israel Radio said.

The passengers and boat were released after five hours following intervention by Egyptian diplomats at Israel's request, the radio said.

In another incident today, an Israeli fishing boat was seized in the Red Sea by the Egyptian Navy, and six people were taken into custody, the ministry and the radio said.

The tour boat interception was the worst Israeli-Egyptian border incident involving tourists since an Egyptian policeman went berserk and opened fire in October 1985 in a Sinai desert resort, killing six Israelis.

Disrupted
 Israel Radio said the tour boat, named Maya, was intercepted by the Egyptian Navy ship Inshah south of the disputed border area of Taba.

It said the Egyptian gunboat rammed a hole in the Israeli ship, breaking water pipes. Aboard the Maya were 15 tourists from France and West Germany, 15 Israeli vacationers and a five-man Israeli crew, the radio said.

The radio quoted Maya's captain Moshe Saar as saying Egyptian troops threatened the vessel with guns and later jammed radio communications.

Plane shot down
ISLAMABAD (AP): Anti-communist guerrillas have shot down an Afghan military transport aircraft, killing 16 people, including two army generals, state-owned Radio Kabul said yesterday.

Airliner hit by lightning

Vietnamese plane crashes killing 75

BANGKOK, Sept 9 (Agencies): A Vietnamese jetliner trying to land in heavy rain storm crashed and exploded in a rice field near Bangkok airport today, killing 75 people aboard and seriously injuring six, officials said.

Eighty one people, including six crew members, were on board.

The Soviet-made, TU-134 jet blew up after hitting the field about six kilometres (four miles) north of Don Muang International Airport, said an Air Force spokesman, Somnol Sundaravej. It crashed three minutes before its scheduled landing, he said.

Both the pilots survived the crash. One of them was quoted as saying that the plane was hit by lightning during the rainstorm. Tran Van Viet, Third Secretary at the Vietnamese embassy in Bangkok, said he was quoting the co-pilot identified only as Phuang 41.

Viet said another pilot, named Dong, also survived the crash and was undergoing operations for serious injuries.

Indians
 Kirti Yensudai, director of Bhumibol Hospital, said a Frenchman, a Polish woman, Dong and three other Vietnamese were in intensive care.

A UN official, speaking anonymously, said his office in Hanoi told him about 40 Vietnamese were aboard.

India's Ambassador to Vietnam, Arun Patwardhan, 48, was killed along with his wife and



Rescue workers search the broken tail section of the Vietnamese airliner which crashed near Bangkok airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

son, said an official of the Indian embassy in Bangkok. Eight other Indians also died.

The Japanese embassy in Bangkok said a passenger list included a Second Secretary of the Japanese embassy in Hanoi, Kiyokata Ida, and two other Japanese passengers.

Diplomats said two Swedish government aid workers, two Frenchmen, two Finns and a Briton also died. Airport officials said there also were Polish and Burmese passengers on board.

"I heard an explosion louder than lightning," said Orn Chuaykint, a villager who witnessed the crash from his wooden house nearby. "It fell into the paddy field and a ball of fire rolled for a kilometre (half mile)."

Both the cockpit voice and flight data recorders were retrieved in excellent condition, said Maj. Gen. Sopol Savigamin,

the regional police commander leading the rescue effort.

The plane's scheduled departure time from Hanoi was 10:00 am (0300 GMT). The pilot lost contact with the Bangkok control tower at 11:26 am (0426 GMT) and the plane soon disappeared from radar screens.

Rescue workers pumped out the roadside pond where the cockpit and fuselage were lodged to retrieve bodies. Hundreds of

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Gulf talks may be adjourned

Shatt Al Arab is key to peace: Iraq

GENEVA, Sept 9 (Agencies): Iraq today reaffirmed its position at the stalled Gulf peace talks and accused Iran of wasting time, while the UN mediator was said to prepare for calling a recess.

In a written statement, Iraq dismissed the Iranian delegation's stance as "fantasy to explain its flight from direct talks lately as a result of the instability of the government it represents."

The Iraqi statement said settlement talks cannot move past the basic ceasefire arrangements unless Baghdad's concerns are met on two points raised earlier — free navigation and UN-supervised clearing of the Shatt Al Arab waterway, Iraq's main sea outlet.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati yesterday again called these issues as "extraneous elements" that could be raised later in the talks.

Disagreement

He said the negotiations, in their third week, have been hung up on this disagreement since they began on Aug 25. Iran's priority is the withdrawal of forces to internationally recognised boundaries, he added.

The Iraqi rebuttal charged Iran's portrayal was a "falsehood." It said Baghdad emphasised its position in two letters to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar before talks began, "so the raising of these two issues is neither extraneous nor new."

Iran was accused of "procrastination" and Velayati urged to "get down to business."

Unless the unblocking of the Shatt Al Arab is linked with the

ceasefire, Iran could obstruct the UN clearing operation, the statement by the Iraqi diplomatic mission said.

And it said "no arrangement of ceasefire at sea can be complete without freedom of navigation" in the Gulf and through the Straits of Hormuz.

A UN-sponsored ceasefire took effect on Aug 20, clearing the way for talks on a permanent settlement to end the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war.

Negotiations

Face-to-face meetings were held only on the first two days of negotiations, and neither foreign minister has met UN mediator Jan Eliasson since last Saturday.

Signs increased today that talks may be suspended before resuming in New York later this month.

UN spokeswoman Therese Gastaut said continuing low-level, indirect contacts were focusing on "how to proceed" and that the mediator, Jan Eliasson, was likely to call a press conference tomorrow or Sunday.

Sources close to the talks said he was expected to announce a recess, and that the main sticking point over the last few days was disagreement between the two sides over a resumption date. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Velayati gave a first public hint of an impending suspension at his yesterday's new conference and said talks could resume in "maybe two or three weeks."

The timing of the next round would likely coincide with Perez

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Iraqi ship makes safe Gulf voyage

DUBAI, Sept 9 (Agencies): An Iraqi vessel sailed out of the Gulf ignored by Iranian warships after a threat of renewed hostilities from Baghdad, military sources said yesterday.

Iraq's President Saddam Hussein had warned Tehran on Tuesday that the Gulf war would break out again if Iran stopped and searched any Iraqi vessels using the waterway.

The sources said the 3,985-tonne Khawla, flying the Iraqi flag and carrying fertilizer, passed unimpeded through the 22-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz and out of the Gulf on Wednesday night.

Careful

"The Iranians haven't searched a ship for weeks and they ignored this one too," one source said.

"They have been careful to avoid any incident."

Though the two sides implemented a ceasefire on Aug 20, Iran says it is still technically at war and has the right under international law to check ships for war material going to Iraq.

Iraq said its Navy stopped and searched the Khawla when it entered the Gulf on the first day of the ceasefire.

Iraq, which ordered the Khawla into the Gulf in a prompt move to assert its right of free navigation, denied the ship was searched and said an Iranian helicopter merely hovered over it.

Iraq also sent a small tanker and another merchant ship into the Gulf immediately after the ceasefire.

Peace talks between Iran and Iraq in Geneva have faltered over the issue of navigation rights and sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway between the two countries.

Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz warned in an interview that any Iranian use of force against Iraqi shipping would be a breach of the UN-mediated ceasefire.

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WEATHER

HOT summer weather with moderate northwesterly wind freshening at times causing dust.

State of sea: moderate to rough

High water: midnight, 11 am

Low water: 5.30 am, 6.30 pm

Sunrise: 5.30 am

Sunset: 5.59 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 47°C (117°F)

Ahmad: 41°C (106°F)

Falaka: 41°C (106°F)

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)

Ahmad: 40°C (104°F)

Falaka: 40°C (104°F)

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 8 per cent

Ahmad: 32 per cent

Falaka: 40 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 10 per cent

Ahmad: 30 per cent

Falaka: 30 per cent

U Nu calls for general elections on Oct 9

Rival government formed in Burma

RANGOON, Sept 9 (AP): Former Prime Minister U Nu, toppled in a 1962 military coup, announced today the formation of a rival government, as hundreds of mutinous soldiers joined crowds agitating for democracy.

In a letter distributed to diplomatic missions in Rangoon, U Nu called for general elections on Oct 9 and unveiled a 26-member cabinet with himself as prime minister, one-time President Maung Win Maung as President and retired General Tin Oo as Defence Minister.

There was no immediate reaction to the move — considered high treason — from the government of President Maung Maung or the military. Some other opposition leaders said U Nu's move could cause disunity.

"I have exercised my (constitutional) right at 9 am (0030 GMT) this morning," U Nu wrote. "I have taken back the power which Gen. Ne Win has robbed from me."

Power

"From this hour, sovereign power no longer rests with Gen. Ne Win. It has come back into my hands, and I announce this fact with joy."

The 82-year-old politician was toppled in a coup led by Ne Win, who held power for the next 26 years. Although Ne Win officially retired as head of the ruling party in July, many analysts believe he still exercises decisive control.

Several countries began recalling some of their nationals

Arab Times

Grand Bingo

NUMBERS for Game No. 66 appear on Page 2.

It's awesome, says \$55m lottery winner

Disaster averted

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, Sept 9 (Agencies): A 63-year-old real estate broker, who picked numbers at random from her morning newspaper, was declared the winner of Florida's record \$55.1 million lottery jackpot.

"It's awesome," Sheela Ryan, a resident of the small town of Winter Springs, Florida, exclaimed to reporters.

Ryan overcame 14-million-to-one odds and will receive around \$2.7 million a year for the next 20 years, lottery officials said.

She refused to reveal her personal details except to say she was single and had no children.

Combination

Ryan said she had not yet decided what to do with the money and was meeting lawyers and accountants to study her options. "I've always been middle class and the middle class always needs money," she said.

She said she was not sure if she would keep her job as a broker for an estate agency.

Ryan picked the winning combination last Friday morning by writing down the first six numbers she found on the front page of the Orlando Sentinel newspaper: 3-5-19-20-27-35. The drawing was held on Saturday night.

The previous record lottery prize in North America was \$51.4 million, won in California in June.

Comprised

Evacuations were scheduled to continue tomorrow.

The rebelling troops were comprised of about 400 Air Force personnel and some 100 from the Navy and Army. Marching in a student-led demonstration, they called on a large contingent of troops inside City Hall to join them but received no response.

Most of the deserters were enlisted men but reporters saw several lieutenants.

Earlier today, about 200 uniformed Air Force men fled to the campus of Rangoon University and joined student leaders in the first known major military defection to the side of protesters seeking to topple the authoritarian system.

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The truck on fire near the petrol station in Shuwaikh. (Photo by Ahmed Al Burini)

Disaster averted

Truck catches fire at petrol station

By Lima Al Khatafawi

A SMALL truck was completely burned after catching fire twice on Thursday at a Shuwaikh petrol station near Al Salam Palace. Four petrol pumps at the station also caught fire.

The truck and pumps caught fire as the driver was filling plastic containers used to supply fishing boats with petrol. The truck was loaded with 100 gallons of petrol when the fire broke out.

Denied

The disaster was averted by the station's attendants who put out the first blaze at the pumps and on the truck with fire extinguishers.

The driver sustained slight burns to his hands while moving the truck away from the station, the manager said.

The manager also said the station will be closed until repairs are completed.

An investigation is under way to determine the exact cause of the fire.

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Iraq denies it used chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, Sept 9 (KUNA): Iraq's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hammadi denied categorically here last night that Iraq has used chemical weapons against the Kurds in northern Iraq.

The Iraqi minister made the denial after emerging from a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz during which the two sides reviewed the progress of the peace talks between Iran and Iraq underway in Geneva.

Proof

In a brief statement to reporters, Hammadi said: "These allegations of chemical warfare are absolutely baseless. It has not taken place at all. The accounts in the Western press cite no conclusive evidence, only allegations and I flatly deny that it has taken place."

Shultz told Hammadi the Reagan administration "registers its disapproval in the most powerful way," according to a department official who attended the meeting.

Amnesty International said yesterday that it had urged the United Nations Security Council to take immediate action to stop Iraqi troops killing Kurds.

DAY BY DAY

THE Central Bank has asked companies and banks to purchase 10 per cent of their respective shares from the stock market.

The banks and companies are quite willing to follow these directives. But the question is how can they do so when the government companies, through what is known as private portfolios, are indeed the sellers?

Such purchases would be without profit. Moreover, why do the so-called private portfolios not keep these shares — especially when the prices of these shares are less than their book value? Amazing — if not funny!

Zahed Matar

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Non-aligned ministers agree to resolutions

Yugoslavia asked to host next summit

NICOSIA, Sept 9 (AP): The foreign ministers from the Non-Aligned Movement produced resolutions today on major conflicts — including Afghanistan, Palestine as well as the Iran-Iraq war — and asked Yugoslavia to host its next summit conference.

Political and economic committees worked all day to hammer out the documents on the third day of the conference, as dozens of delegation chiefs addressed a plenary session.

Although the committees' recommendations will officially remain proposals until endorsed by the final plenary session tomorrow, several delegates insisted that there were no reservations on any of the issues discussed.

Violating

Afghanistan's Foreign Minister, Abdul Wakil, told the conference that the United States and Pakistan were violating the peace accord, sending weapons to Muslim guerrillas fighting his communist-ruled country.

Ecuador's Foreign Minister, Diego Cordovez, who is also the United Nations mediator for Afghanistan, told reporters the conference had approved a statement on Afghanistan that will "give impetus" to the April 14 Geneva agreement, ending the Soviet military presence in that Asian country.

On the Palestinian issue, the committee of nine produced a document declaring the Non-Aligned Movement's support for a unilateral proclamation of independence in Israeli-occupied territories.

Conference spokesman Nicos Agathocleous, a Cypriot Foreign Ministry official, told reporters at the daily briefing that documents on the Iran-Iraq war and some issues in Southeast Asia also have been completed.

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INTERNATIONAL

WHO reports
3,143 new AIDS
cases in August

GENEVA, Sept. 9, (Reuters): A total of 3,143 new cases of AIDS was officially reported around the world last month, raising the global tally to 111,854 in 140 countries on Aug. 31, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said today.

The United States accounted for most of the increase with 2,086 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, lifting its cumulative total to 71,171.

France signalled 583 new cases, giving it the second highest officially reported total of 4,211. Italy announced 368 new cases, reaching an overall figure of 2,233.

Of the world total, 80,994 cases were reported from the American region, 14,939 from Africa and 14,610 from Europe, the WHO said.

Countries with the highest individual totals included Uganda with 4,006, Brazil 2,956, West Germany 2,307, and Kenya 2,097.

The WHO said it believed officially reported cases of AIDS were less than half the true total, which it estimated at approximately 250,000 to 300,000.

There is no known cure for AIDS, which is spread mainly through sexual contact and contaminated blood.

League condemns campaign remarks

Bush and Dukakis accused of Arab bashing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, (Reuters): The Arab League yesterday accused Republican George Bush and his Democratic rival Michael Dukakis of "Arab bashing" and giving unquestioned support to Israeli policies.

The League, in a statement, took issue with remarks by the presidential contenders in speeches on Wednesday to the B'Nai B'rith, a Jewish service organisation.

Dukakis said he "will never recognise a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state or government-in-exile."

Bush, before the same group, said his administration "would not support the creation of any Palestinian entity that would jeopardise the security of our

strategic ally, Israel."

The League said its members were surprised that the two candidates in the Nov. 8 election "did not see fit to share the international outrage of Israel's ruthless and violent suppression of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

The Arab League's Ambassador in Washington, Clovis Maksoud, told a news conference the candidates' remarks about the Palestinian issue have been much stronger this year than in previous election years.

"It is the heightened level of bias that has stunned the Arab diplomatic community. It is condemnable. It has gone beyond the normal state of pandering to the Israeli lobby," Maksoud said.

"We strongly resent the Palestinian and Arab bashing," the League said.

Security
Maksoud said Arab nations fully expected presidential candidates to make campaign statements assuring Israel's security. But he said Wednesday's remarks were "beyond comprehension beside being irresponsible."

Maksoud said Palestinian self-determination and the creation of a Palestinian state were priorities for the Arab states.

Dukakis's comment that the violence in the territories poses a danger to Israel shows "he either is ignorant of what has and continues to take place in the

occupied territories or he chooses to ignore them," the League said.

"Israel is threatening the Arab countries' security," said Maksoud.

Agreed
Meanwhile, Dukakis and Bush have agreed to square off "man-to-man" in televised election debates that can produce the sort of high-risk clashes which have influenced US voters heavily in the past.

With polls showing voter allegiance shifting almost daily — one survey reported that one-fifth of those currently supporting each man say they might change sides — political experts say the two planned debates have the potential to determine the

outcome of the presidential election.

Vice-President Bush, carrying the Republican banner, yesterday fired a campaign aide accused of anti-semitism.

After weeks of posturing and negotiations, aides agreed that Bush and Dukakis would debate on Sept. 25 and again on either Oct. 13 or 14.

Potential

Vice-presidential candidates Dan Quayle, the Republican, and Lloyd Bentsen will have their own debate during the week beginning Oct. 3.

"The debates have the potential to make or break a candidacy," Democratic strategist Robert Beckel said.

Pershing missiles destroyed

KARNACK, Texas, Sept. 9, (AP): With a deafening roar and towering clouds of white smoke, two Pershing nuclear-missile rocket motors were destroyed, the first US weapons eliminated under the arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union.

Vice-President George Bush and a 12-member Soviet inspection team were among hundreds of observers who watched the burnings yesterday at the Long-

orn Army ammunition plant in northeast Texas, about 145 miles (233 kilometres) east of Dallas.

Afterward, the Soviet team said it was satisfied with the burnings.

Last week, US observers went to the Soviet Union to witness the destruction of missiles there under terms of the US-Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty.

Churbanov admits abuse of office

MOSCOW, Sept. 9, (UPI): The son-in-law of the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev admitted he abused his powers while serving in the Interior Ministry, but denied charges of massive bribe-taking, which carries a possible death penalty.

Yuri Churbanov, 52, charged with accepting the equivalent of \$1.05 million in bribes, answered the charges yesterday on the fourth day of a trial viewed as a broad indictment of widely reported corruption during the Brezhnev era. Brezhnev ruled from 1964 until his death in 1982.

Charges
"I admit my guilt in abuse of office but don't admit guilt in receiving bribes," Churbanov said, his voice trailing off.

Under Soviet law, abuse of office is punishable by up to 15

years in jail while conviction for official bribery and corruption can mean the death penalty.

Seven other defendants, all former Interior Ministry officials in the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, admitted guilt in varying degrees to similar charges. Some eight defendants from Uzbekistan pleaded innocent.

Thursday's court session, packed with spectators, was the last to be opened to Western reporters, but the trial was expected to last several months.

Adjourned

Reading from the 1,500-page indictment, a court official said, "Moral dissolution reached unheard-of heights, mainly in the party organs of the republic of Uzbekistan, especially since the most glaring of this was the first

secretary of the Uzbekistan Communist Party, Sharaf Rashidov, a friend of Brezhnev who later died.

The indictment quoted a former Uzbek police chief as saying, "In Uzbekistan at that time, there existed a system where you gave bribes to your superiors so they could pass the money on to top officials."

The Interior Ministry is in charge of the police.

Tass said the trial was adjourned until Monday because Churbanov's attorney Andrei Makarov "suffered a heart attack today."

Although the English version of the Tass report used the term "heart attack," the Russian-language dispatch used the milder term, "heart pains."

Network of popular committees smashed: Israel

Mass arrests in Gaza

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Sept. 9, (Reuters): The Israeli Army said today it had broken the back of a Palestinian uprising in the occupied Gaza Strip by smashing a network of popular committees and arresting 200 suspected militants.

But there was no sign that the second major Army swoop announced this week had broken the resolve of Arab protesters as the anti-Israeli revolt entered its 10th month.

Arrested
A general strike called by a growing Islamic resistance movement, Hamas, closed shops in most of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and several Palestinian protesters were wounded in widespread clashes with Israeli troops.

Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, head of southern command, said security forces had broken up a network of 37 local

committee behind dozens of attacks on soldiers, Arab strike-breakers and Palestinian collaborators with Israel.

Israel radio quoted him as saying that all the leaders of the Gaza uprising had been arrested.

"These arrests irreparably harm the extent of their activities. It may be that there will be replacements but it will not be on the scale of the popular committees," Army spokesman Major Moshe Fogel said.

But security sources and Palestinians in Gaza cast strong doubt on the significance of the Army announcement.

They said most of the arrests were made more than a month ago, before a mid-August upsurge in unrest in the Gaza Strip.

Attacks on troops and accused collaborators have continued since then.

"It's old news, rehearsed for

propaganda," an Israeli security source said.

The sources said the man described by the Army as the head of the Gaza popular committees, Abdallah Abu Samadana, a lecturer at Gaza's Islamic University, had been under arrest for weeks and was served with a deportation order last month.

The Army also announced that 150 Arab detainees would be released from the controversial Ketziot prison camp in the Negev desert at the weekend as a goodwill gesture marking the Jewish new year. Some 2,600 Palestinians are held there without trial.

Nine Palestinian towns and refugee camps were under curfew today, including the city of Kalkilya, where troops this week arrested more than 200 suspects in a crackdown on popular committees.

Yugoslavia
asked to host
next...

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had agreed to the phrasing of the section of the eight-year-old Gulf war.

The draft resolution also condemned the US Navy's July 3 downing of an Iran Air jet over the Gulf with 290 people killed. It said Iran and other countries with citizens on board were entitled to compensation.

Conference sources said the movement was expected to welcome the ceasefire which took hold on Aug. 20, and urged both sides to show flexibility in the peace talks.

Yugoslavia did not immediately accept the ministers' request that it host the next summit meeting of non-aligned leaders, and thus serve as the movement's chair.

The Yugoslav press agency Tanjug said that the presidency of Yugoslavia, which includes each republic, decided to submit the proposal to the country's assembly for consideration.

Invitation

The foreign minister of Nicaragua said the invitation should be rescinded and given to Cyprus.

Yugoslavia has still been unable to decide whether it is or is not in condition to host "the ninth summit," said Miguel D'Escoto, adding that Cyprus showed its interest early and often.

The 95 delegations had deadlocked on choosing which country should host the movement's 1989 summit, which would also make that country the movement's next chairman.

Latin American, Caribbean and other radical states supported Nicaragua. But more conservative members backed Indonesia.

Nicaragua and Indonesia later withdrew from the contest. Kuwait was today mentioned in a Cypriot daily as a potential candidate for the chairmanship of the movement.

Vietnamese
plane crashes

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police, Air Force workers and volunteers hauled up bodies from the pond, wrapping them in the thin beige-coloured cloth customarily used for corpses.

The third major piece of wreckage, the "tail section" with the airline's yellow star insignia, sat on the dirt road, muddled by rains. More debris was scattered over a rice field on the other side of the road.

Scattered over the area were women's earrings, a shell necklace, a toy plastic gun, one tennis shoe, several Indian passports, and those of two Polish students, and more than 10 bags of diplomatic mail for the Australian embassy in Bangkok.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

Speed record

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9, (Reuters): Millionaire pilot Vijay Singhania landed in India yesterday to set a new record for a flight from Britain in a microlight aircraft, organisers said.

The industrialist completed the 9,600 km (6,000 mile) journey in 22 days, knocking 12 days off the record set by British journalist Brian Milton last year, a spokesman for the organisers said in New Delhi.

230 rescued

HORTEN, Norway, Sept. 9, (AP): Some 230 passengers climbed into lifeboats and made it safely to land this morning after a fire broke out on board a ferry on the outer Oslo fjord, the national NTB news agency reported.

Passengers on the DA-Na Line ferry "Holger Danske" all believed to be Norwegian and Danish, were evacuated because of thick smoke generated by the fire, NTB said.

Man shot dead

BELFAST, Sept. 9, (AP): Gunmen shot and killed a man on a Belfast-bound commuter train today, then fled from a suburban station in a waiting car, police said.

Rival
government
formed in
Burma

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The soldiers shouted, "We side with democracy and not with fascists" and "Our military training is not to shoot people." The campus serves as the unofficial headquarters for student revolt.

The unarmed soldiers slipped away from Base 502 in Rangoon, although they said the main gates were locked to prevent soldiers from leaving.

Some analysts suggested UNU was trying to take the initiative from the Maing Maing government and enduce the military to his side. Others said the formation of a rival government could provoke the military into a crackdown or coup.

Today's developments came a day after about one million people, including 150,000 military officials and intelligence officers, gathered in Rangoon to vote for the end to the Burma Socialist Programme Party's one-party rule.

Peaceful
Thursday's march was largely peaceful, but sources said a mob killed and then beheaded two men and a woman who allegedly gave poisoned ice water to several demonstrators. The state radio said security forces fired on a crowd of 500 looters in a Rangoon suburb, wounding 17 yesterday.

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PNC to make decisive moves

PLO will not declare government-in-exile: Arafat

ABUDHABI, Sept 9, (AP): Yasser Arafat says the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile will "make decisive moves" when it meets next month to discuss declaring an independent Palestinian state in Israeli-held territories, a UAE daily, Al-Khaleej reported today. He also said the Palestine Liberation Organisation will not form a government-in-exile.

Palestinians have said it will open in Algiers Oct 5. "The agreement is to hold it in Algeria, but we have received three invitations from Libya, Tunisia and Iraq to host it," he said after a 24-hour visit to the United Arab Emirates capital of Abu Dhabi. Arafat is currently touring Arab capitals to discuss developments following Kofi Annan's July 31 decision to cut Jordan's legal and administrative ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank. That move, along with the nine-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, has spurred the PLO to consider declaring an independent state. Al Khaleej quoted Arafat as saying: "The Palestinian leader-

ship is about to make decisive moves which will have a long-term impact affecting not only the Palestinian and Arab level, but also the international level." The provisional government would likely include prominent figures in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. Arafat earlier met the UAE President, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and indicated that their discussions dealt with the possibility of forming a provisional Palestinian government, one of several options to be discussed at the PNC. "We will not form a government-in-exile," Arafat told reporters. He explained that such a body was meant for a country under

foreign occupation with its leadership in exile, "such as France during the Nazi occupation." Palestinians officials have noted that a provisional government would allow Palestinians inside the West Bank and Gaza to be members, while a government-in-exile would not. Arafat said PLO's legal and political committees have presented preliminary reports on the provisional government, but consultations were still going on with experts in Arab and other friendly countries. He noted that the establishment of a provisional government "is not a Palestinian decision that can be unilaterally adopted without consultations."

A meeting held recently in Libya between the PLO and disident Palestinian factions on reunification "has not reached concrete results," he said. But he noted the contacts with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, led by Ahmed Jibril, and the Saika group will be resumed Sept 10 in Tunisia and Libya. Arafat said the PLO was "legally recognized by 148 countries, which voted in the United Nations against the United States attempts to close the PLO office in New York."

Amman within a week to resume discussions with Jordanian officials on Hussein's decision to sever links with the West Bank. The PLO's foreign affairs spokesman Farouk Kadoumi at a noon-aligned meeting yesterday called for the United Nations to assume temporary responsibility for the West Bank and Gaza to protect the Palestinians. Arafat is due to address the European Parliament in Strasbourg next week and said he would ask Europe to help the Palestinians.

Six killed in ethnic clash in Pakistan

KARACHI, Sept 9, (Reuters): Troops were called out in the southern Pakistan city of Hyderabad after at least six people were killed in ethnic riots yesterday, police said. Hospital doctors said seven people were also wounded in the clash between native Sindhis and mohajir immigrants. Government officials said the Army was called in to prevent further ethnic violence, which has claimed more than 60 lives in the city since June. Police sources said a curfew was likely to be imposed in Hyderabad, second city of Sind

province and 175 km (110 miles) east of Karachi, if there was any more trouble. The rioting broke out after a rally of Sindhi nationalists demanding more jobs for unemployed Sindhis. Witnesses said men rode around on motorcycles firing weapons. Firemen said rioters tried to set fire to shops and houses, and police arrested 14 people. Doctors said about 150 people attacked one hospital, complaining of delays in treating the wounded.

Dhaka airport reopens

Fresh floods rage Bangladesh

DHAKA, Sept 9, (Reuters): More of Bangladesh was flooded after a 24-hour period in which the worst of the disaster appeared to be over, officials said. Foreign Minister Humayun Rashed Choudhury proposed an emergency meeting of experts from South Asia to help combat floods which have killed at least 1,000 and made millions homeless. "This is a gigantic task which can only be tackled if nations of the region could co-operate," he said. "It is us who are in agony today. It may be tomorrow. This can only be stopped if there is a collective effort."

season to rivers that empty into the Bay of Bengal through the Bangladesh delta. Officials said fresh floods swept across Laxmipur and Netrokona districts, in the east, and Barisal in the south. The latest floods were caused by the Brahmaputra River which overflowed again last night after remaining within its banks for 24 hours. "The danger is not yet over. We are still fighting floods and the water will take on its after-effects," said Information Minister Mahbubur Rahman. The floods have already killed more than 800 people and made 25 million of the country's 105 million homeless, according to official figures. They have also destroyed 3,500 km (2,200 miles) of roads and cut rail communications. Unofficial estimates put the death toll at more than 1,500 and relief workers say many more have died of diarrhoea and other diseases.

prevent post-flood diseases but they could not reach many places. Dhaka, the capital, is the worst affected city with 95 per cent still under water. A government newspaper, the Bangladesh Times, described Dhaka as a "sewage outfall" because the capital's waste and garbage disposal system had broken down. Water gushed through sewage manholes and flooded vast areas with water, garbage and human excrement. The newspaper said epidemics would spread fast unless adequate preventive measures were taken. Aid to Washington, officials said the United States had offered additional financial aid to Bangladesh and may send military helicopters to transport emergency aid. Britain yesterday pledged £7 million (\$12 million) in emergency aid. Kuwait, and the other GCC states have also pledged emergency aid worth \$60 million. Kuwait has informed Bangladesh that it has readied five planes to airlift relief goods to Dhaka.

Vultures wait as Sudanese starve

AL MUGLAD, Sudan, Sept 9, (Agencies): Vultures perch on the trees at Al Meiram camp to southwest Sudan waiting to feed off the dead or those too weak from hunger to fend them off. At least 40 people are dying every day in the camp 750 km (470 miles) southwest of Khartoum and only those still strong enough to walk can expect to survive. "It is a death trap," said one relief worker. "Even the weakest here wants to get out and go elsewhere." Shocked diplomats and aid workers who visited Al Meiram on Wednesday compared the scenes to a Nazi concentration camp. Relief workers said more than 3,000 people had starved to death in the past three months. The overwhelming majority of the dead are children. Those still alive have the grotesque matchstick legs and swollen bellies and severe malnutrition. "It is horrible," said Sue Chowdhury of the British-based charity Oxfam. "It is as bad as any film I have seen of Nazi concentration camps but this is only

oo a smaller scale." The camp's relief workers told reporters that food was distributed by a local committee to the nearby town of Al Meiram. Those thought near death were not being fed. A Sudanese newspaper said yesterday that the Army has begun an airlift of relief supplies to Al Meiram refugee camp. The airlift already had supplied to Al Meiram 1,000 sacks of sorghum and quantities of tinned food. Praise A month after heavy rains that precipitated Sudan's worst floods of the century, the government finally has announced a tentative crop-damage estimate: more than a third of a billion dollars. Unofficial estimates put the toll much higher. The Sudanese Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait, Hassan Ibrahim Jad Al Kareem has praised the government and people of Kuwait for helping the victims of Sudan's disastrous floods. A prominent Sudanese leader, Othman Al Mirghani, has also highly commended Kuwait.

Egypt welcomes Reagan initiative

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (Agencies): President Reagan's offer to meet with foreign ministers of Egypt and Israel this month would provide a mini-summit for a possible break in Middle East disputes, administration and diplomatic sources say. US officials confirmed that Reagan invited the foreign ministers to meet with him and Secretary of State George Shultz in New York Sept. 26. The meeting would come against the backdrop of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's refusal to discuss territorial concessions or to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Jordan's refusal to speak for the Palesti-

lians. Officials in all three countries regard the prospects as dim. Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid today described as "positive" Reagan's plan to meet with him and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Abdel-Meguid said the meeting is part of an "American attempt to give a push to the peace effort which was started by Secretary of State George Shultz" earlier this year. Abdel-Meguid has agreed to meet Peres. But, the Democratic candidate for US president Michael Dukakis, criticised Reagan today for launching a new Middle East peace initiative too late in his administration for any chance of success. Dukakis, interviewed by Israeli Radio, also reiterated a controversial pledge to move the US embassy to occupied Jerusalem. Blasting Reagan's initiative Dukakis said:

"It's just too late, and in any event there are forces and nations and leaders who must be involved actively in any attempt to create an environment for peace." In another development, it was announced in Loodoo that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will meet Peres next week in Loodoo for talks, co-ordinating on the latest developments in the Middle East and methods to make progress on the Arab-Israeli dispute. The meeting, which will take place next Wednesday, was mutually arranged. Thatcher is keen to know from Peres about his assessment about prospects of finding a lasting solution to the Middle East problems, British sources said. The wide-ranging impact of the nine-month Palestinian uprising will be another important topic on the agenda.

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Rajiv will visit China

NEW DELHI, Sept 9, (KUNA): In a major move to normalise relations with China, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will visit Beijing in December. Defence Minister K.C. Pant said that on final date has been fixed for the prime minister's visit to China, but added it would be decided very soon. Last month a high-level delegation of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) visited China and the delegates were told by senior Chinese leaders that they would like Rajiv to visit Beijing by the end of this year.

13 students killed

NEW DELHI, Sept 9, (Reuters): Thirteen Indian high school students drowned on Thursday when the boat ferrying them across a monsoon-swollen river in northeast India capsized. Seven students were rescued, the Press Trust of India News Agency said. The said students, five girls and eight boys, were on their way to school near the town of Khowang in Assam state.

N. Koreans mark 40 years of Kim's rule

BEIJING, Sept 9, (Reuters): North Korean President Kim Il-Sung's personality cult reached a crescendo today with about one million people chanting his name at a mass rally in Pyongyang to celebrate 40 years of his rule. Eyewitnesses to the North Korean capital said statues and portraits of the President were carried around Kim Il-Sung Square and slogans enthusiastically shouted extolling the virtues of "the great leader." Waves of people, totalling around one million, passed through the square for two hours carrying banners and marching in step to military bands. The 76-year-old President and his son and designated heir, Kim Jong-Il, watched the National Day rally from a rostrum. "The mammoth parade and the enthusiastic cheers overflowing to the whole square was a manifestation of the boundless respect and trust of the entire people of the whole country for the great leader," the official Korean Central News Agency said.

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Al Sawaber flats will be allocated

FAREED AL AJEEL, the assistant director-general for distribution, ratification and follow-up affairs at the National Housing Authority (NHA), has been quoted as saying that the authority will go ahead with the allocation and distribution of flats at the Al Sawaber complex in the next three months.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Ajeel said that the authority originally gave applicants until June 30 to complete formalities, but he said that citizens can still apply for accommodation at the complex if they wish.

The Al Sawaber complex is the first of its kind in Kuwait and represents one of the alternatives suggested by the government to encourage Kuwaiti families to move into the city, he said.

The complex has 33 eight-storey buildings, with two 225 square metre flats on each floor.

Deportation order upheld

THE Court of Cassation upheld a deportation order on a non-Kuwaiti man charged with smuggling narcotics into Kuwait.

The Criminal Court sentenced the man to four years' imprisonment and subsequent deportation even though he is without nationality (a Bedouin). His elder brother is Kuwaiti and his father has official residence in Kuwait.

The Court of Appeal reduced the sentence to three and a half years but also ordered his deportation. Thereafter, the Court of Cassation again upheld the order and rejected a plea by the defendant's counsel that the man be treated as a Kuwaiti.

The court said in its ruling that in Kuwait, all matters pertaining to the issue of nationality are of a political nature and are subject to special considerations relating to the state itself.

Permission not obtained

DR ISSA JASSEM, director of the drug control and registration department at the Ministry of Health, has announced that the Chinese product known as '101', which is used in the treatment of baldness, has not been granted the necessary permission for its sale in Kuwait.

Dr Jassem affirmed that neither private nor government pharmacies stock the preparation.

Last week UAE health authorities withdrew the preparation after finding that it has many adverse side-effects.

Ministry sets tuition fees for private schools

SEVERAL ministerial decisions setting tuition fees for Arab and foreign private schools in Kuwait have been adopted by the Private Education Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Education.

In an interview with a local daily, Abdullah Al Muhanna, director of private education, said a unified contract governing teachers and these schools is under study.

A committee has been empowered to complete this contractual form in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, he said.

Subsidies

Arab schools will continue receiving subsidies from the Ministry to cover all stages of education except kindergartens.

Tuition fees for kindergartens will be KD 130 plus KD 15 excellence fee for some kindergartens and KD 65 for transport.

Primary schools' tuitions are

fixed at KD 67,500 plus a KD 20 excellence fee for some schools and KD 65 for transportation.

Intermediate schools will charge KD 105 for tuition, a KD 20 excellence fee, and KD 65 for transport.

High schools' tuition will be KD 132, with a KD 20 excellence fee for some schools and a KD 65 transportation fee, the official said.

Discount

Discussing charges at foreign schools in Kuwait, Al Muhanna said that parents having more than one child at any English, French or American School are entitled to a discount of 10, 15 and 20 per cent respectively in keeping with a relevant ministerial decision. Transport charges at these schools have been stipulated at KD 165 as compared to KD 65 at other foreign schools, he added.

Kindergarten tuition fees of the English School, Gulf English School and American Universal

School have been set at KD 575, primary schools at KD 980, intermediate at KD 1,085 and high schools at KD 1,190.

Tuition fees for other English and French schools are KD 515 for kindergartens, KD 800 for primary, KD 855 for intermediate and KD 975 for secondary stages, Al Muhanna said.

Inform

In a related development, the daily reported that one American School in Kuwait asked parents to pay about KD 200 more than the stipulated tuition fees and refused any discount on fees of a second and third child of a family studying at the school.

Al Muhanna urged citizens and expatriates to inform the Private Education Department of any infringements committed by any of the private schools in Kuwait. He promised the department would look into these allegations.

Visual information service offered

THE Ministry of Communications has signed an agreement to offer a local company consultative and marketing services for its visual information systems centre.

A source at the ministry has said that Kuwait is the first country in the Middle East and seventh in the world to use this very modern service.

The ministry will provide individuals and companies with information about developments and changes, banks, hotels and entertainment facilities as well as prices at the stock exchange. The service will also show arrival and departure times of planes, weather information, and local news stories. Subscribers will also be able to exchange letters electronically, the source added.

The information will be supplied by a computer installed at the ministry's Communications Centre in Salamiya and will appear on a television screen connected to a telephone line.

Oman tries to free Egyptian POWs in Iran

ABU DHABI, Sept 9, (Reuters): Oman is seeking to persuade Iran to release Egyptian prisoners as part of an exchange of captives with Iraq, a diplomatic source said today.

He said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had asked Sultan Qaboos to mediate and the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Youssef Bin Alawi, discussed the issue during a visit to Tehran last month.

Relations

The source said Alawi would raise the issue again when he returned to Tehran tomorrow. He would also discuss relations between Iran and the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC).

It was not clear whether Alawi would be visiting Iran as an envoy of the GCC.

GCC foreign ministers decided in Riyadh on Monday to send envoys to Iran and Iraq to try to break the deadlock at peace talks in Geneva.

Oman has good relations with both Iran and Egypt.

Firemen compensated

MUSSALUM AL BARRAK, president of the Municipality and Fire Department Employees Union, announced today that 76 firemen who helped put out the fire at Ahmadi oil installations

did not get Amiri awards, which went instead to 76 other firemen. He refused claims by the director-general of the Fire Department that the firemen were later compensated for having been "forgotten", as it was put.

Al Barrak said that what actually happened was that the names of the deserving firemen were simply not considered at the time.

Those who will be released include anyone imprisoned for traffic crimes, sentenced to less than 10 years for assault, or charged for political or economic crimes.

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Ministry will not change primary school hours: Khudari

THE Ministry of Education will not change school hours at primary schools, according to Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari.

Additionally, the ministry has no plans to cancel transportation services for pupils at schools, the official said.

First-aid

While the ministry has no intention to do away with nutritional services at government kindergartens, a committee has been set up to study applications of catering companies at primary and intermediate schools, Al Khudari said.

School authorities have been strongly urged to strictly monitor the cleanliness of canteen workers involved in the preparation and service of food inside

cafeterias of schools, he added.

The Ministry of Public Health has withdrawn the services of nurses from secondary schools. The services will continue at primary and intermediate schools. Training courses in first-aid will be organised and administrations of schools have been asked to nominate one teacher or one of the administrative staff to join these courses. These trainees will then be authorised to provide first-aid services at secondary schools, the official said.

Clean

The ministry is keen on replacing male instructors at boys primary schools with female teachers. However, this process will be gradual due to restrictions on time and schedules, he said.

Contracting with private companies to clean schools is being favourably considered in the wake of the success of these companies at government hospitals and health centres. Contracting with private companies to guard schools is also being considered, the undersecretary added.

There were 368,571 pupils registered in all government schools as at the end of 1987-88. Primary schools and kindergartens enrolled 153,118 children last April.

Private primary schools and kindergartens have 40,000 children on their rosters this year.

About 160,000 pupils will join the intermediate and secondary schools on Saturday.

About 15,000 children are expected to join primary schools and kindergartens this year.

Unified customs tariff top GCC priority

THE Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states are giving top priority to arriving at a unified customs tariff on all imports, according to Sheikh Duail Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Director of Customs and Ports in Bahrain.

The move towards unification of tariffs is meant to encourage commercial exchanges between the GCC member states. The coordinated table for customs tariffs is expected to be implemented at the beginning of 1990, the official said.

Unified tariffs are expected to solve the problem of customs being levied twice. Foreign products imported into any GCC state and on which tariffs have already been paid could then be re-exported to other GCC states without any additional customs charges, the Bahraini official added.

A technical customs committee will be studying development of the transit system between the GCC member states.

The GCC states are also discussing ways to facilitate the passage of materials during an emergency, the official said.

UAE begins second phase of water project

ABU DHABI, Sept 9, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has launched the second phase of a multi-billion-dollar project to supply power and water to more than half a million people, officials said yesterday.

The first stage of the project at Al Tawila, 50 km (30 miles) north of Abu Dhabi, is almost complete and will start operations in March, they said.

The project is the biggest in the UAE, which has about eight desalination plants producing more than 150 million gallons (568 million litres) of water a day.

Search

The officials estimated the cost of the two stages at 5.2 billion dirhams (1.4 billion dollars) but had no figures for the third and final phase.

The plant will be able to produce 3,000 megawatts of electricity and 100 million gallons (380 million litres) of desalinated water a day.

The UAE, one of the world's richest states in oil but poorest in water, has spent billions of dollars on desalination plants to meet growing consumption, among the world's highest at 700 gallons per person per day.

A study has shown that demand for power is rising by 12 to 14 per cent a year and for water by 20 per cent.

The government signed an agreement with the United States this year under which satellites will search for underground water.

Turkey has proposed a 21-billion-dollar scheme to build pipelines from two of its rivers to the UAE and seven other Arab states. A feasibility study is now being conducted.

Shatt Al Arab is key to peace: Iraq

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de Cuellar's presence in New York for the UN General Assembly, opening on Sept 20.

Perez de Cuellar personally mediated the first week of Iran-Iraq talks in Geneva, then named Ellasson, a Swedish diplomat, as his special representative.

A long-standing dispute affecting the talks is over a 1975 border treaty setting the Iran-Iraq border down the middle of the Shatt Al Arab.

Iraq has renounced the pact and claimed the entire waterway, but Iran says it still considers the treaty valid.

The Shatt has been blocked by sunken ships and silt nearly since the start of the Gulf war in September 1980.

A letter from Iran listing the names of 703 of its soldiers said to have been captured by Iraq since the start of the Aug 20 Gulf ceasefire was circulated here at the UN today as a UN document.

Complaints

It was the latest in a series of complaints alleging ceasefire violations that both sides have sent to Perez de Cuellar in recent weeks.

Iran's UN Charge d'Affaires, Ambassador Mahmoud Sadat Madarshahi, said in the letter: "The capture of these people by Iraq is in contravention of the agreement on the ceasefire and they should therefore not be considered as prisoners of war."

He hoped the United Nations would take all necessary measures to ensure their safe and speedy release.

Illiteracy eradication

THE Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri, has said that the 1981 illiteracy eradication law has reduced the percentage of illiterates in Kuwait from 89 per cent in 1957 to 26.4 per cent in 1985.

Iraqi ship makes safe Gulf voyage

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"Iraq has instructed all ships to resist any search attempt by Iranian military ships," the senior Iraqi official said in an interview in Geneva with the editor-in-chief of London-based Al Tadamoun magazine.

Azziz pointed out that differences on extending the ceasefire at sea have not been settled yet, and stressed the need for mutually binding commitments.

He defended Iraq's right to send its ships through the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, and pointed out that Iraq would not tolerate any obstruction of its legitimate right to freedom of navigation in international seelanes.

Licences for new transport companies suspended

THE Ministry of Communications has suspended the issuance of licences for new transport companies, according to an authoritative source.

The 610 companies already licensed are sufficient to meet local needs, according to the ministry. The ministry is now organising and classifying these companies on the basis of their capital, fleets and employees.

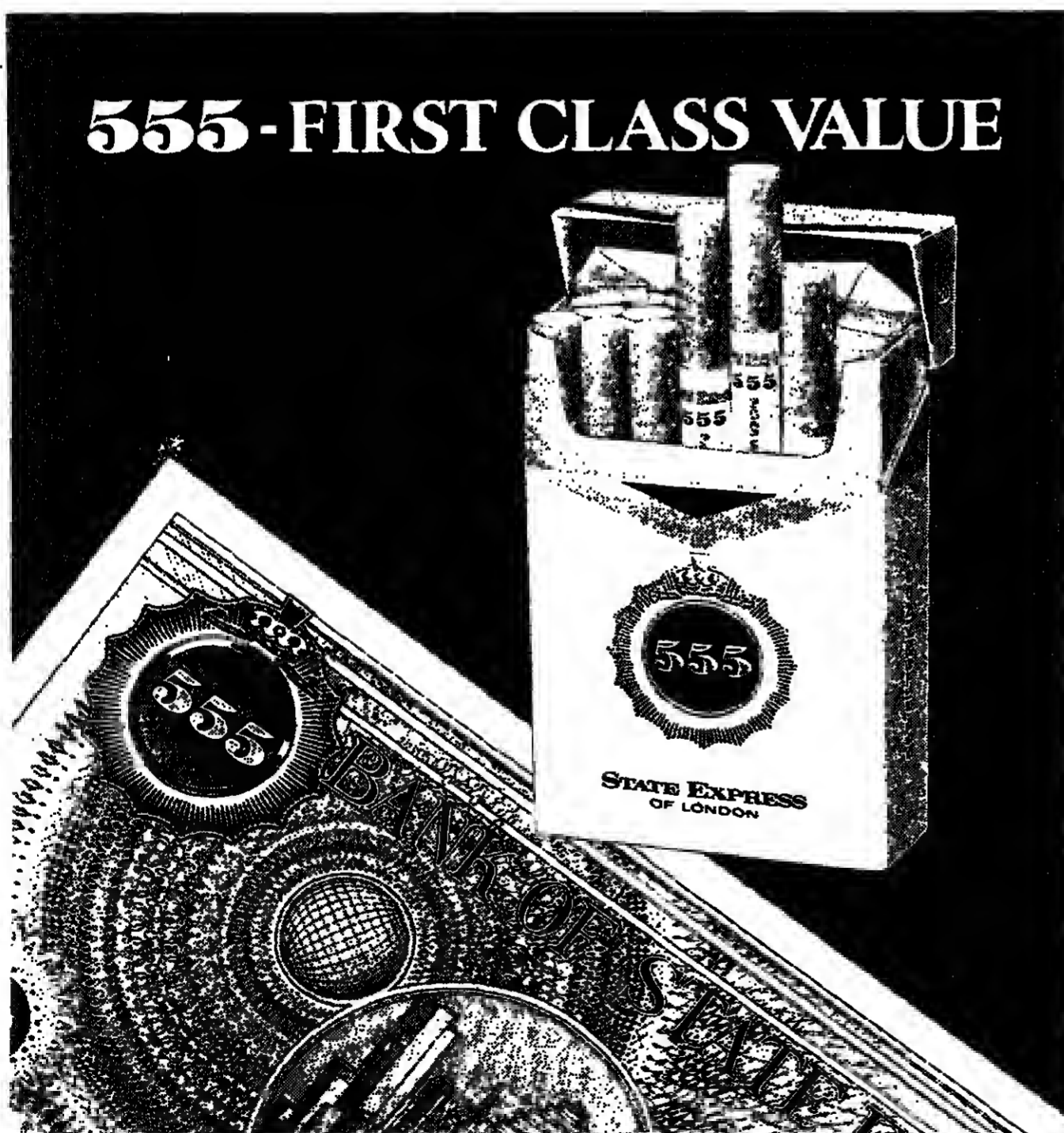
A new system to organise entry and departures of long vehicles has been completed. A heavy influx of these vehicles is expected due to the end of the Iran-Iraq war.

The ministry will collect fees from land transport companies renewing their licences from the beginning of next October. In co-ordination with the Ministry of Interior and the Public Customs Authority, the Ministry of Communications will charge KD0.500 for each permit.

Authorities will install scales at the border centres to weigh long vehicles. Any vehicle weighing more than 38 tons will not be allowed to enter the country. The prohibition is designed to protect Kuwait's roads from damage and stress due to overload, the source added.

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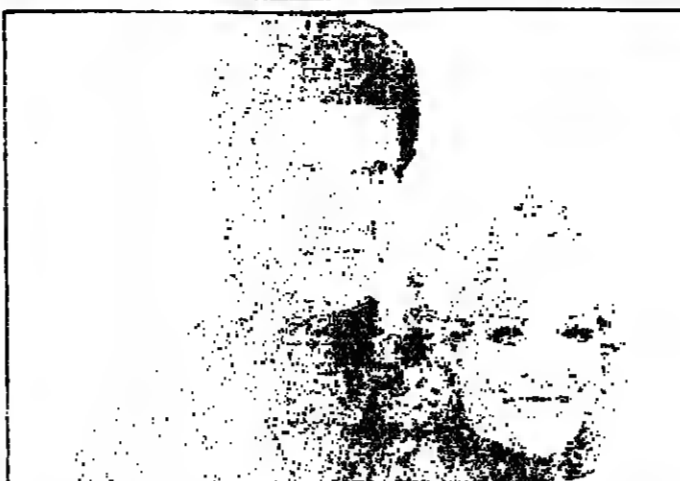
This week on KTV 2

- SUNDAY**
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Heathcliff cartoons
 6.30 3-2-1 Contact: tonight's episode examines weight-lifting equipment and elevators.
 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi.
 7.30 Valerie: It's mum's birthday and the kids try to find an appropriate gift for Valerie.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 The Flying Doctors: "The Show Goes On." A roving theatre group comes to town and face numerous difficulties.
 9.30 My Two Dads: "The Artful Dodger." Nicole is not doing well at school, despite tuition and her dad's are worried.
 10.00 Hillary's Adventures.
 10.30 Bestseller: "Fields of Five." Start of new best-seller about the life of an Englishman in the Australian sugar-cane fields.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- MONDAY**
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Galtar cartoons
 6.30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Tapestry." Roger and Faye demonstrate their skills. Roger shows how he designs and weaves a woollen will rug.
 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
 7.30 Charles-in-Charge
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Miami Vice: The squad

- pursue a gang laundering money in the US.
 9.30 Private Benjamin: Judy is in for more trouble as she tries to settle down in the camp.
 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Murder Party." Andrew Walker hosts a lavish party and drops dead in his lounge.
 10.30 The Equalizer: "The Rehearsal." A theatre company finds itself in real trouble after a psychopath places a bomb in their premises. Starring: Edward Woodward.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- TUESDAY**
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Rabick cartoons
 6.30 Seal Morning
 7.00 Australian Ark: "Changing Face of Australia." A look at the geological history, and changes, that occurred in Australia.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 You and the Law: local show.
 8.50 Magnum: "Murder by Night." After the death of a publisher, Magnum finds himself drawn to the case. Starring: Tom Selleck.
 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series with Arabic subtitle.
 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "To Be or Not to Be." Larry and Bally try to get acting tips from each other after they are selected to star in a film.
 10.30 B/W feature film: "The



Alan Rachins plays Douglas Brackman in L.A. Law, Wednesday at 10.30 pm.



Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns in Growing Pains, Wednesday

- Crystal Ball. Starring: Ray Milland, Pauline Goddard. A girl from Texas takes a job as a fortune-teller's assistant, where she snags her man. Comedy. 1943 production. Duration: 80 minutes.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- WEDNESDAY**
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 The Mouse Factory: animated feature for young viewers.
 6.30 The Kids of Deceit: Aida, who dislikes hospital visits, goes to see Cole, admitted for surgery.
 7.00 Managing the Micro: "The Human Factor."
 7.30 Growing Pains: family show featuring Joanna Kerns and Alan Thicke.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 O'Hara: "I Wanna Live Forever." O'Hara becomes a Japanese businessman to uncover fraud at a company.
 9.30 Wildlife On One: "Oasis." Birds thrive near oases. A look at some such places in Europe and Africa.

- asked to organise a charity gala.
 10.00 The Hit Squad: laughs, fun and sneaky hidden cameras backfire on the Hit Squad.
 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Laguna Heat." Starring: Mary Hamlin, Jason Robards.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown
- FRIDAY**
 2.00 Holy Quran
 2.10 Cartoons
 2.30 Sports Studio
 6.00 Foo Fur: cartoons
 6.30 Bay City Rollers Show: songs, music and a short story for children.
 7.00 Walt Disney Film: "Charlie, the Lovesome Cougar." The story of a cougar and a hunter.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Summer '88
 8.40 The Twilight Zone: three stories about unusual events and accidents.
 9.30 227: "The Audit." Mary Jenkins and her husband face trouble for tax evasion.
 10.00 Spectacular World of Guinness Records: David Frost presents the smallest jet plane, largest family gathering, a 17-year-old rodeo champion and a shepherd who sets a record in shearing wool.
 10.30 Tour of Duty: "Roadrunner." Goldman's team is told to raid a Vietnamese village.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 3.30 Holy Quran
 3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
 4.10 World News via Satellite
 4.40 Fursan Al Hikmah: "Sane Al Mojizah" Arabic serial, with Mohammad Dafarawi, Midhat Saleh, Hamza Shimi.
 5.40 Cartoons
 6.00 Cultural film
 7.00 Noor Al Islam: religious talk
 8.30 Hamat Al Watan
 9.00 News in Arabic
 9.50 Al Sakiya Tadour: Arabic serial
 10.50 Madhak Mubki: "Al Hakawati" Al Awwal. Starring: Tayseer Saadi, Mohammad Khair Hulanani, Assam Ajji.
 12.00 News Summary
 12.05 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown



Jameson Parker is A.J. and Gerald McRaney plays Rick in Simon and Simon, 8.30 pm tonight, KTV 2

- the Clones". Cartoon serial
 6.30 Sam's Luck: part one. Sam's parents, who are travelling, leave him in charge of the family.
 7.00 World of Survival: nature
 7.30 A.L.F.: "Someone to Watch Over Me." In part 3 Alf gets himself into more trouble after pretending to take hostages.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Simon and Simon: "Tale of the Tiger." Rick and A.J. uncover a gang pushing drugs. Starring: Jameson Parker and Gerald McRaney.
 9.30 Beyond 2000: a look

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Duck Tales: "Send in

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 Jahra
 Al Noor Pharmacy
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CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
 Steel Dawn
 Starring: Patrick Swazi, Liza
 Al Salmiya
 Disorderlies
 Starring: Ralph Bellamy,
 Anthony Gerrard
 Al Hamra
 Al Ab Al Sharayy (Arabic)
 Starring: Nadiyah Lutfi,
 Mahmoud Yassin
 Drive-In
 Surqah Nadam (Arabic)
 Starring: Nadiyah Lutfi, Mah-
 moud Yassin
 Al Firdous
 Mashuka (Hindi)
 Starring: Moon Moon Sen,
 Arun Govil, Shoma Anand
 Fahad Open-Air
 Kali Ghata (Hindi)
 Al Jahra
 Wet Gold

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| Fajr | 11.45 |
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| Asr | 5.58 |
| Maghreb | 7.17 |
| Isha | |

WHAT'S ON

EDUCATION

Dar-ul Quran
 Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya, Free Zone, Medium 61. The teacher is Urdu/English to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya, personally, or phone on 4730355 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.
British Council
 The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, 6 pm. For further details phone Mrs Kate Harries on 2515512/2533204.

MUSIC

Guitar Recital
 German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19, "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.
East meets West
 The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funaites, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC - 3904817.
Beat Show
 The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups - City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.
Indian Ballet
 Nartana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithas, at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be

strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.
Sounds Great
 Auditions will be held, on Thursday, Sept 15, at 3 pm, Friday, Sept 16, at 11 am and Saturday, Sept 17, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa, for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salmiya cinema from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

SOCIAL

Welcome Back!
Welcome to Kuwait
 The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.
Kuwait Players poolside BBQ
 The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets - KD2 per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.
Goan Fiesta 88
 The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 4813740.
Varea Sporting Centre
 Varea Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights include beauty queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress parade, games, bingo and other surprises. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool 4712900, Albert 2410461, or James 5331940.

D'Assisi Association
 The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual thanksgiving mass on Oct 7, 8 am, at the Holy Family Cathedral. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin - 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry - 3291909 (am).

Nile Flight '88
 Airlines staff in association with SAS, Kuwait, will hold "Nile Flight '88" at the Tent - an evening of entertainment, music and many surprises. Further details will be announced shortly.

CINEMA

Cine Club
Diwaniya
 Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering - diwaniya - every Wednesday at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sherif Al Radi St, Baed Al Qar. The diwaniya is open to members, their invites and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwaniya will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.
Local Hero
 The feature film Local Hero will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya, on Saturday (Sept 10) and Sunday (Sept 11) at 6.30 pm. Starring: Burt Lancaster, Peter Reiger and Denis Lawson. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512.

THEATRE

KLT
 KLT will hold auditions for "Two and Two Make Six," a comedy, directed by Stephen Prescott on Monday (Sept 12) and Tuesday (Sept 13) at 7 pm at the KLT, Ahmadi.
Person Unknown
 Auditions for Kuwait Players first production, Person Unknown, a murder thriller, will take place on Sept 12 (Tuesday) and Sept 13 (Wednesday) from 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel. Direc-

ted by Paul Brown. The play will be performed from Nov 7 to 10. For details Tel: 561-546.

SPORTS

Wind surfing Regatta
 MBH Wind surfing Regatta takes place on Oct 7. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5555960).
Gozaard
 Gozaard (Tel: 483-576) for further details phone 562-111 ext. 751.
Feed the Worms
 Sports Aid
 All men interested in playing in the Kuwait International Softball League contact Steve Diemler - Tel: 5515246 or Vic Mason - Tel: 5728931. Ladies interested to join the Ladies League are asked to call Rita Diemler - Tel: 5515246.
14th Winners Cup
 cricket tournament
 The Y.M.C.A. will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre.
Boy's Own Club
 Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-day one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

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KEEP your mouth shut, your eyes open — Japanese proverb.

OPINION

Let share prices take their natural course

EVERY country takes appropriate investment measures when citizens refrain from investing in their respective currencies.

Among such measures is a hike in interest rates to avoid flight of capital and provide increased returns on shares and industry.

These measures could be additionally boosted by reducing taxes on foreign investors or abolishing taxes altogether and providing many other incentives to encourage investment.

A case in point is that of the Kuwaiti investments in the UK and other foreign countries which enjoy various facilities along with other foreign investors.

Regrettably, this is not the scenario here, as the government itself places obstacles in the way of investments with the Kuwaiti dinar. The only investment areas with the Kuwaiti dinar is investment in real estate or Kuwaiti shares.

Share values of local companies are the result of 40 years of investment work. However, during the last three years, when prices of shares increased someone interfered to drive prices down.

Such interference has always been attributed to a wrong policy frequently repeated by some ministers that prices of shares should not go up in order that they may not go down once again.

Increase and decrease in the prices of shares is natural and is witnessed in world stock markets which have been around for over 100 years. Prices of shares in the markets are liable to abnormal increases accompanied by sudden drops — which is exactly what happened last year in the world stock market.

However, what is poignant is that when the markets crashed, no country took measures to prevent share prices rising for fear of them dropping again.

On the contrary, stock markets in these countries work day and night to help value of shares to rise. Meetings are continually held to devise ways and means to increase share values, or alternatively to stabilise them. We have as yet to hear of any minister in these countries striving to prevent an increase under the mistaken notion of a drop in future.

The inflation we are talking about is an integral part of the economy, and likewise, inflation in Kuwait is part of this country's economic process.

As an example, when the Kuwaiti government expropriated (bought) some lands and old houses from citizens, it paid rates far higher than what they really were worth. The object of this exercise was to circulate money by transferring funds from the state to the citizens as a formula to increase private capital.

The government is well aware that a drop in securities at the stock market is a drop in the value of assets, which translated means a real drop in the values of loans given against mortgages.

The last clearly means an obstacle towards providing adequate loans. It is a circle. Any harm expected in share prices rising is only in the minds of some concerned ministers. We say — let prices take their natural course.

The previous mistake of the Kuwait Stock Exchange was not an increase or decrease in the value of assets, but in post-dated deals which reached astronomical levels. Had there been no post-dated cheques, there would have been no crisis.

The government is well aware of this fact and although it has corrected the mistake by another mistake, we refrain from commenting on this issue as it does not seem to be the proper place.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

US naval presence stopped Gulf war

By Karin Laub

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM.

(AP): Washington brought about Iran's acceptance of a cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war through the massive US naval presence in the Gulf, an Israeli military analyst said Thursday.

The protracted war was at a stalemate when the United States decided to send a naval force to the Gulf in July 1987 to protect international shipping, said Aharon Levran of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

"Iran realised that if it couldn't win the war while confronting Iraq alone, it certainly could not do so after a superpower like the United States came to the Gulf," he told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Levran was elaborating on the Jaffee Centre's annual Middle East Military Balance Report, published last month. Levran, a reserve brigadier-general, edited the study.

Iran accepted the UN Security Council's ceasefire resolution a year after it was adopted in July 1987. Hostilities ceased Aug. 20, and UN-sponsored peace talks began five days later in Geneva.

Levran said that when the US naval vessels began escorting re-flagged tankers in the Gulf in July 1987, the key aims were to protect the flow of oil to the West and

prevent the war from spreading to Kuwait, a supporter of Iraq.

At the time, American strategists also hoped US intervention might help bring about an end to hostilities. "But they didn't believe it then, and didn't put any emphasis on it," Levran said.

By the time the United States intervened, the war had reached a stalemate, he said. While Iraq was the stronger military power with a superior Air Force and a better-trained Army, Iran was a "staying power" with vast human and economic resources.

"Although the United States did not directly take the side of Iraq, it was clear to Iran that Washington would not allow Iraq to collapse or permit the war to spread into Kuwait," he said.

The intervention brought the Iranians "to their senses that the war was futile," Levran said.

At the same time, he said, the stated US policy objective of protecting international shipping failed.

From July 1987 to July 1988, during the US presence in the Gulf, 220 ships were attacked, compared to 105 ships in 1986, before the Americans arrived, he said.

The Iranians initially appeared undaunted by the US presence and continued their naval attacks, he said, but "deep in their hearts they knew it was not an easy thing to confront superpower."

More than 53 killed

Children in the forefront of Palestinian uprising

By Roni Rabin

RAMALLAH, Israeli occupied West Bank, (AP): Just days before he was shot to death last January, 16-year-old Rabeah Mahmoud told his family he wanted to give his life for the Palestinian cause, his sister Sabah recalls.

Mahmoud is one of 53 youths under age 18 who have been killed during the 9-month-old Palestinian uprising, about one-fourth of the deaths from Israeli Army gunfire. Thousands of other youths have been wounded.

Television viewers worldwide have watched scenes of the young Palestinian boys in keffiyeh head-dresses throwing rocks at troops, then running as soldiers respond with teargas and bullets.

Israeli military officials charge that the youths are placed in the front lines of protests to generate world sympathy and portray Israeli occupation troops as ruthless soldiers who do not

hesitate to shoot children.

"Children are weapons in this war. It is very sinister," said Col. Renaan Gissin, the Army's deputy spokesman.

"With children up front, they (Palestinian leaders) win either way — whether our soldiers refrain from shooting because of strict orders to avoid hurting children, or if they open fire, the Palestinians win the war for the media," Gissin said.

"They make sure the picture of the dead child makes it to the papers," he said.

But youngsters encountered in refugee camps throwing rocks at soldiers not much older than themselves say they are not being used, but are the leaders of the revolt.

They have become known as the "children of the stones" after a poem by Syrian writer Nizar Qabbani. The Palestine Liberation Organization has made posters of youngsters holding firebombs. Palestinians call chil-

dren who are killed "martyrs," not "victims."

Sabah Mahmoud, the sister of 16-year-old victim Rabeah, says her father is now worried about his 13-year-old son, who is often out in the streets with friends.

"When Rabeah told my father he wanted to die for Palestine, we thought he was joking," Sabah said, sitting below a gold-framed portrait of her dead brother, the only picture on the walls of the Beitin village farmhouse not far from Ramallah.

Casualty United Nations casualty lists, updated as of Aug. 12, show 202 Palestinians killed by Israeli Army gunfire. Of these 53, are 17 or younger, with 18 of the victims under 16 years old, including six who were below 14.

The youngest casualty listed by the UN was a 9-year-old girl, but the Army said she was killed by a Palestinian-thrown rock. The Army, whose death figures differ only slightly from UN ones, does not give breakdowns

by age. The UN count shows three other Arab youths under 18, including a 12-year-old, were shot to death by Jewish settlers. A 14- and 17-year-old were beaten to death by troops, the United Nations says.

No precise figures are available on the number of youths wounded.

An official of an international relief organization — who insisted her name and that of the organization not be used — estimated at least 8,000 youngsters have been wounded by bullets, beatings, tear gas or rubber bullets.

Shot Jewish youths are not directly involved in the protests, but they are among civilians injured by rocks and firebombs hurled at cars. The Army lists 312 such casualties but has no breakdown by age.

A Jewish girl, 15-year-old Tirza Porat, was accidentally

shot to death by an armed escort in the West Bank last April when a group of Jewish hikers clashed with Arab villagers. Police are investigating whether an 8-year-old slain Aug. 27 near Haifa was killed by Palestinians.

As for the Palestinian youngsters, one reason for their role in protests is demographic: almost 50 per cent of the population of the occupied territories is 17 or younger, according to the West Bank Data Project Research Foundation.

These are youngsters raised under the military rule that Israel has maintained over the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the territories were captured from Jordan and Egypt in 1967.

Analysts say the young have become radicalized and are rebelling both against Israel and the traditional leadership of their elders, which has failed to secure an independent state.

"It's a schoolyard revolution," said Bernard Miller, a UN Relief Works Agency official in

the occupied Gaza Strip. He said that even before the uprising, by March of 1987, it was prestigious for youths over 14 to have been arrested by the Israelis.

Young people 18 to 22 are emerging as the new generation of leaders of the uprising, and their younger siblings are followers and would-be successors, military sources said.

"Like the Americans of the 1960s who said, 'don't trust anyone over 30,' they are saying 'don't trust anyone over 25,'" Gissin said.

The Israeli Army recently introduced plastic bullets in a move it says is intended to cut casualties in clashes with demonstrators. The Army says its soldiers have orders not to open fire at children, but occupation rules consider anyone over age 14 accountable for his actions.

Chris George, an official of Save the Children, an American relief organization, said the Army should respect children's status as minors in any situation.



By Simon Alterman

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): The battle-cry of American independence — "no taxation without representation" — is in the air again.

The slogan which inspired the colonies to rebel against the British crown more than 200 years ago is now rallying citizens of the US capital, Washington DC, who object to paying federal taxes while having no votes in Congress.

Their goal, too, is independence — converting most of the present District of Columbia into a state called New Columbia, with the same rights as the other 50 states.

"It's just not right. We are the only democracy in the world which denies the citizens of its capital voting representation in the national parliament," said Walter Fauntroy, then on-voting DC delegate to Congress.

Democrats say they will push the capital's cause hard if November's election puts their candidate Michael Dukakis in the White House and leaves their party control of Congress.

Each US state has two senators, and a number of House of Representatives delegates according to population.

Win If New Columbia becomes the 51st state, the Democrats would probably win the two Senate seats, which could cement the party's grip on the powerful upper chamber.

A favorite to win one of those senate seats would be Jesse Jackson, the black preacher and civil rights leader who ran second to Dukakis in the race for the party's presidential nomination.

Blacks make up about 70 per cent of Washington's residents, since many whites who work in the city live in the suburbs in the neighbouring states of Maryland and Virginia.

Support for a law granting statehood to the capital was one of the promises Jackson extracted from Dukakis when they made peace at the Democratic convention in Atlanta in July.

"That was part of the accom-

No taxation without representation

modation," said Sharon Pratt Dixon, the party's national treasurer and a Jackson supporter.

"Statehood would greatly enhance the stature of the black community and with the support of President Dukakis, we could shift some stubborn votes," Dixon, a prospective candidate for DC mayor in 1990, said in an interview.

Congress selected the swampy wooded site on the banks of the Potomac River, which only mosquitoes find comfortable in summer, for the US capital in 1790.

With barely 3,200 people living in the area then, few voices were raised in protest when Congress decided to take direct control of Washington's everyday affairs.

The move shielded the nation's capital from the whims of any one state but denied its residents the representation and political power states wielded in the federal system.

Rights No one could have predicted that Washington would become the 17th largest city in the United States with a population of 700,000 — more than in the states of Alaska, Delaware, Vermont and Wyoming.

"District of Columbia residents pay more than \$14 billion a year in federal taxes, more than in nine states. The per capita tax payment is higher than in 49 states. During the Vietnam war, more DC residents per capita were killed than in 47 states. Yet we are not full citizens," Fauntroy said.

Some political rights have been won over the years.

A constitutional amendment in 1961 gave the District of Columbia citizens a say in US presidential elections. A Home Rule Act in 1973 allowed Washington to elect a mayor, a city council and the congress-

sional delegate, now Fauntroy.

But Congress still has the final word on the municipal budget and local government decisions.

Congress also approved a constitutional amendment which would have given the District of Columbia the same voting rights and congressional representation as other states. But the amendment died when the required three-fourths of the states failed to ratify it.

"We ran smack into what we call the four 'toos' — the district is too urban, too liberal, too democratic, and too black," Fauntroy said in an interview.

Although the statehood action appears a grander goal than that amendment, it is actually simpler, requiring only an act of Congress, passed by a simple majority in the House and the Senate and the president's signature to become law.

The procedures were used twice to admit Alaska and Hawaii as the 49th and 50th states in 1959.

Bill Fauntroy's bill, although it introduces a bill to create the district statehood and although it stands no chance of passage before the presidential polls, he will try again with confidence next year if Dukakis is in the White House.

Opponents of the statehood proposal have raised a host of arguments against it — ranging from claims that the US flag has no room for a 51st star to important constitutional arguments about the permissible use of land ceded by Maryland and Virginia for the US capital.

They said New Columbia would not be financially sound — the city currently receives about \$500 million a year, about one-fifth of its revenues, from the federal government — and could not meet such basic state needs as prisons. Some 2,000 DC convicts are now housed in other states' jails.

Sambo dolls revive racism debate in Japan

By David Butts

TOKYO, (UPI): Every Saturday evening a Japanese comedian in blackface and curly hair appears on television to sing, dance and joke with passers-by. His minstrel-style routine might be seen as racist in the West, but to the Japanese it's just good fun.

"We don't have any feeling of racial discrimination in our programme," said Masahiko Morioka, the Nippon Television show's producer. Nevertheless, he cut short a news interview because of what he called Japan's current "hysteria" over racism.

His concern was understandable. After an American newspaper described a line of products aimed at children depicting the storybook character Little Black Sambo, the company recalled the profitable dolls.

American blacks were further incensed by a racist remark from a senior Japanese politician. Black leaders have threatened to boycott Japanese goods. Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita sent a letter of apology but blacks say that is not enough.

All this has led to a public re-examination of racism in Japan. The question being asked is: are the Japanese racists?

Discriminate In a series of interviews, several older Japanese admitted they were. The younger generation said they did not discriminate between blacks and whites, but share the common Japanese prejudice against all foreigners.

"We know blacks are at the bottom of the social scale in the

United States," said Kozaburo Wakimura, 73, head of a small town Rotary Club in Tanabe, western Japan. "Perhaps, deep down, we think we are superior to blacks, but we really have no chance to meet blacks."

"We really don't pay that much attention to blacks," said Seichi Miyake, 49, a manager at a Tokyo packaging company. "They are not that important to us. They are not our major customers."

Older Japanese express a contrary feeling towards whites.

"I have an inferiority complex to whites," said Wakimura, reflecting a view held by many of his generation who lived through Japan's defeat in World War II.

"This inferiority complex has been our motivation to work hard and study hard, so as not to lose to whites."

Achievements "We don't think blacks are American," Miyake added. "When I think of Americans, I think of tall, white and blue eyes."

The older generation includes former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, 70, who in 1986 said minorities pull down academic achievement in America, and Michio Watanabe, 65, a leader of the ruling party, who said in July that American blacks often declare bankruptcy to avoid paying debts.

Many older Japanese say Americans taught them prejudice against blacks and that they are only mimicking American whites they have met.

Younger Japanese expressed little sense of racial prejudice.

"We don't really discriminate

between blacks and whites," said a 31-year-old computer company employee from Osaka.

"I have no special feeling about blacks," said Kojiro Hiroshi, 20, a student from Kobe, in western Japan. "Black or white, they are all foreigners to me."

The Japanese say their prejudice against foreigners, which appears to span all ages, is part of their culture.

The Japanese have a strong identification with the group rather than the individual, and find it natural to exclude anyone outside the group. Their concept of "uchi to soto," inside and outside, expands to classmates and office co-workers.

Discriminate In its broadest sense, the "inside" group is all the Japanese.

"Japanese do not just discriminate against blacks," said Yuko Yamaguchi, 29, a Japanese-language teacher. "They have the same aversion to all foreigners."

"My parents would die if I married a foreigner," she added. The prejudice against foreigners applies to other Asians as well. The Japanese discriminate against resident Koreans in marriage, housing and employment even though most of the Koreans have lived in Japan all their lives, speak Japanese and are of the same race.

The younger Japanese were surprised at American black reaction to the Sambo product. They said the caricatures are cute or sexy, not derogatory.

British forces fighting tough battle in 'rebel' land

By Ralph Boulton

CAMLOUGH, Northern Ireland, (Reuters): The gentle hills and windswept heathland of south Antrim have become dangerous rebel territory for troops sent to uphold British rule in Northern Ireland.

Soldiers in combat gear lie low in hedgerows, their faces blackened, snatching roads where Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas may wait. They expect little sympathy from local people and are constantly in danger of ambush. Though 10 miles (16 km) inside British territory, the village of Camlough flies the green-white-orange Republican tricolour, taunting those dedicated to preserving British rule.

"Our forces are creeping and cowering in the border area when they should be controlling it and driving the terrorists out," Peter Robinson, a militant political leader of the majority Protestant population, told Reuters.

"I toured the area for days and didn't see one patrol by security forces. Not one. We've surrendered possession of a 10-mile strip to the IRA, practically without a fight," the deputy leader of

the Democratic Unionist Party added.

He said he had seen a notice in Fermanagh police station north-west of Camlough barring police patrols from the frontier area after dark.

More than 2,000 deaths in 20 years of guerrilla war have sickened many local people in this largely Catholic enclave. A string of botched operations resulting in the deaths of 20 innocent civilians in eight months undermined IRA support.

But in the minds of many here the British remain an occupying force.

"I don't like the killing on either side," one young woman in a shop in Camlough told Reuters. "But when it comes down to it, the British are the unwelcome ones around this way."

Britain denies yielding control, but the Army accepts the 300-mile (480 km) long open border wending across lakes, over hills and through farms, poses huge headaches. Checks are mounted at "approved" crossings, but smaller unofficial roads are well used by smugglers, tourists and guerrillas alike.

The IRA exercises close con-

trol over smuggling by farmers and businessmen, taking a lucrative cut to swell its coffers.

"The countryside is full of natural traps that the IRA uses," one senior officer familiar with the territory said.

"We often avoid the small roads because they simply channel you into trouble spots. In the same way, when you're crossing country, you tend not to take the easy way through the gate — that's where the hooby-trap bomb's likely to be," he added.

Groups of commandos are ferried in by helicopter for short patrols with police or sent into the area for up to 10 days on reconnaissance missions. The troops have been a prime target.

Only 30 miles (48 km) from here the Army suffered its worst blow in 1979 when 18 soldiers were killed at Warrenpoint in an IRA ambush.

Even with the help of new fortified watchtowers, the confusion of activity is hard to monitor as farmers cross the unmarked border cutting through their farms.

Check "We can't stop farmers driving tractors to and fro. We can't check every milk churn for explosives," an Army expert said.

The problem was underlined three months ago when the IRA succeeded in planting a large roadside landmine in full view of one watchtower. The blast, intended to assassinate a judge, ripped apart a family car killing a couple and two children.

Helicopters ferrying soldiers also face new hazards following the IRA acquisition of an estimated 20 surface-to-air missiles as well as heavy machine guns on the arms black market.

The military difficulties facing police and Army here are compounded by failures in the "intelligence" war.

The British Army shot three IRA men further along the border in an undercover operation last month. A year ago eight others were killed by troops as they tried to attack a police station.

But such "successes" based on upoffs have been few.

Police officers, largely from the province's Protestant Protestant British majority, no longer live in the border areas and have no access to local gossip. Increasing hostility to the security forces makes intelligence-gathering a nightmare.

However, the Irish Gardaí police, who face such hostility on their side, believe they have infiltrated most IRA units there and uncovered major arms caches of mortars and guns.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1526 — Forces under Turkey's Suleiman I capture city of Buda in Hungary.
- 1547 — Pierluigi Farnese, the pope's son, is murdered by Ferrante di Gonzaga, governor of Milan.
- 1654 — Russia's Tsar Alexis takes Smolensk after outbreak of war with Poland.
- 1780 — Hyder Ali of Mysore conquers region around Madras, India.
- 1844 — France's war in Morocco ends with treaty of Tangier.
- 1885 — Britain takes compromise settlement with Russia over Afghanistan frontier.
- 1898 — Empress Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary is assassinated by Italian anarchist in Geneva.
- 1907 — British colony of New Zealand becomes a dominion.
- 1918 — Muslim riots break out in Calcutta, India.
- 1935 — Assembly of white settlers in Kenya denounces government policy and advocates closer union with Uganda and Tanganyika.
- 1939 — German Army gains complete control of western Poland; Canada declares war on Germany.
- 1945 — Vidkun Quisling is sentenced to death in Norway for collaboration with Germany during World War II.
- 1956 — President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who seized Suez Canal July 26, rejects 18-nation proposals for crossing the water-way.
- 1964 — Foreign ministers of Organisation of African Unity, meeting in Addis Ababa, approve plan to end rebellion and political strife in Congo.
- 1967 — Gibraltar electorate votes to retain link with Britain rather than to return to Spanish sovereignty.
- 1972 — United States vetoes UN Security Council resolution that calls for immediate cessation of military operations in Middle East.
- 1987 — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar starts mission to persuade Iran and Iraq to end their seven-year-old war and says he is hopeful.



The crews on the ice cap with their downed planes in 1942. The Americans were flying these to Britain instead of crating them by sea.

Raiders of the legendary Lost Squadron

By Frank Durham

A TEAM trying to free a "lost squadron" of crashed World War II aircraft from an Arctic tomb of ice will be taking a multi-million-dollar gamble, an expert believes.

For when the "Raiders of the Lost Squadron" spend a fortune tunnelling 260 feet down to the planes, they could find them in mint condition and worth a collector's ransom. Or they could be left with just a heap of scrap metal, the expert says.

Jay Fiondella, who first pinpointed the aircraft in 1983 while leading another team, believes that the ice cap where the planes are buried is slowly moving nearer and nearer to the Atlantic, off Greenland's south-east coast.

And pressure beneath the snow and ice could have mangled the aircraft over the years. Jay, who carried out two expeditions with H.A.R.T., the U.S.-based Historical Aircraft Recovery Team, told me: "Nobody knows what condition those planes are in today. They could be all twisted and turned."

But the latest team to locate the ghost squadron is determined to go after its prize. Just one of the fighters in good condition could sell for \$500,000.

The expedition, the Greenland Expedition Society, from Atlanta, Georgia, plans to tunnel beneath the ice cap and then blast the planes free. The team's co-leader, Richard Taylor, even hopes to fly one of the planes back to America.

And he has announced: "We are soliciting a proposal to evacuate the airplanes. But Jay, a restaurateur from Santa Monica, California, knows just how easily the project can soak up money. His team spent \$1,300,000 in four years and were still no nearer to digging up the planes.

He said: "This is a very difficult expedition. I wish them luck. It is going to cost them millions of dollars to get the aircraft out."

But he still knows that the two B-17 Flying Fortress bombers and six P-38 twin-engine fighters that lie in that icy grave could be glittering prize. He explained: "These planes had less than 50 flying hours when they crashed."

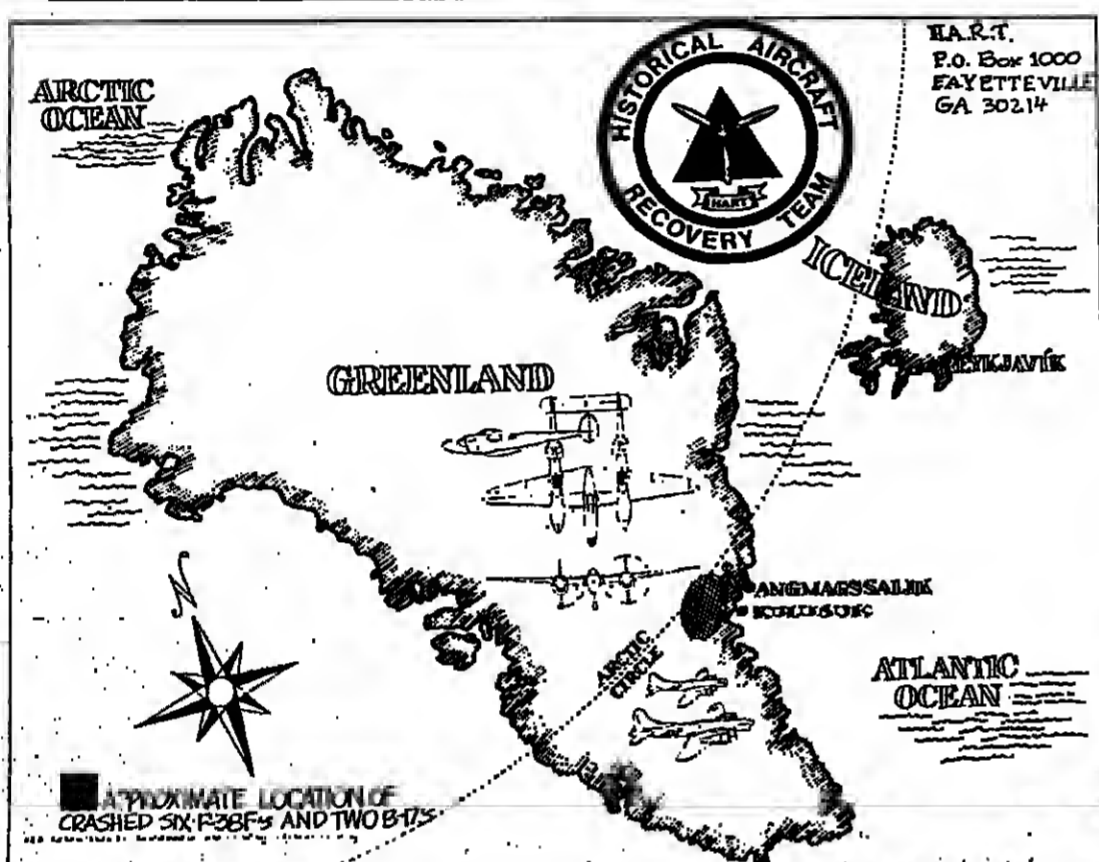
New

"This is a poor man's King Tut's tomb. It's like Raiders of the Lost Ark. They built more than 3,000 P-38's—nicknamed 'pea-shooters'—and there are only five left flying in the world today. They are really romantic aircraft."

But the new expedition's leaders, Richard and Pat Epps, are optimistic that they will succeed with their mission. Pat, too, hopes to fly one of the aircraft home.

They re-located the squadron, which crashed after getting lost during bad weather, using radar, a metal detector and a high pressure steam drill.

Because of treachery, eight World War II aircraft crash-landed in the Arctic 46 years ago. Now they have been discovered entombed beneath 260 feet of snow and ice. A US expedition is planning to tunnel through the ice in search of the ghost squadron. Just one of the fighters in good condition could sell for \$500,000.



The US-based Historical Aircraft Recovery Team's map of where the squadron is located.

Pat, who owns an air service firm, and architect Richard found one of the B-17's first. It had been given the affectionate wartime nickname of Do-Do. The other seven planes were discovered two days later. Pat said: "We have photo showing the location of the planes. So we know which is which."

This could be the last scene from a real life saga that reads like a script for a Hollywood adventure movie. It began in 1942, when Britain was struggling for survival against the U-boat menace.

US President Roosevelt told Britain's wartime leader, Winston Churchill, that he would send him sorely-needed fighters—the P-38 Lightnings. The Americans made the daring decision to fly these to Britain direct, instead of crating them by sea.

Jay, 58-year-old owner of Chez Jay's restaurant in Santa Monica, explained: "No fighter had ever flown to Europe. The plan was for the planes to fly to New Jersey; Prescott, Maine; Gander, Newfoundland; Greenland, Iceland and then over to Scotland."

Reply

"They sent along the B-17's as mother hens, as their navigational equipment was better than that in the fighters."

Legend has it that disaster—and treachery—struck on July 15, 1942. The aircraft were between Greenland and Iceland when they hit a bad storm and began to ice up.



The man who found the Lost Squadron, Jay Fiondella.

Jay said: "They went high, they went low. But they couldn't fight. So they broke radio silence and called in code for help."

They received a reply in perfect English, giving them directions that headed them in entirely the wrong direction. It is believed the transmission from the aircraft was picked up by a German radio operator who knew the code. For the enemy had submarines and weather stations in the area.

So the unsuspecting Americans followed the phoney instructions.

They were still drifting over the endless expanse of white snow and ice when their fuel began to run dangerously low. Jay went on: "They made a pact that, when one of them ran out, they would all try to land together. The guys just didn't know where they were. They guessed they were near the west coast of Greenland."

In actual fact, they were about 12 miles off the east coast. A pilot called Brad McManus, who was flying as tail-end Charlie, was the first out of gas. The commanding officer, Robert Wilson, suggested he should try to make a normal, wheels-down landing.

The idea was that, if the planes could be brought in to fly them out. Of course, in emergencies, a wheels-up landing is much safer. McManus saw a white, shiny, flat area as they all came down out of the overcast.

"He came in with his wheels down, went about 300 feet, and then tipped over. McManus crawled out, having hurt his arm slightly. But, because of his dangerous landing, the other five P-38's belly-landed."

Legendary

"The big B-17's circled overhead, radioing Mayday, distress calls, until their gas, too, ran out. Nobody heard them because of the bad weather conditions. Then the bombers belled in."

So the planes, who were soon to form the legendary lost squadron, lay silent on the

snow. The 25 aircrew moved into the big bombers, which they nicknamed Hotel Do-Do and Hotel Big Stew. They immediately began to draw up survival plans. The vital thing was to keep radioing for help.

So the aircrew collected the small quantities of fuel left in the aircraft's tanks, poured it into the tank that fed one of the engines of a B-17 and then cut the blades off the propeller.

Then they started the engine, which drove a generator. The electricity from this allowed them to operate one of the radios. Three days later, the aircrew's distress calls were picked up by a friendly station and transport aircraft dropped them supplies.

A rescue team 100 miles away was alerted and made the trip to the downed aircraft by boat and then dog sled. Jay told me: "A plane guided the rescuers, dropping notes to them in socks weighted with sand to warn of any crevasses that lay ahead."

It took the team 10 days to get to the crash site. And when they met up with the fliers, there was a lot of whooping and hollering. The rescuers warned the aircrew that they had a long walk ahead. Some of the guys used the canopies off their P-38's as sleds.

The men walked at night because, in the warmth of the daytime, they sank up to their knees in the melting snow. They stopped every hour for a rest. As those guys kept walking and walking, they left a trail behind them... of things they discarded as being too awkward to carry.

There were raincoats, shoes, 45's and cartons of cigarettes. They finally made it to the shore, where a coast-guard cutter picked them up. Later, the fliers were taken back to the States. The aircraft have been there ever since."

But just one man saw the lost squadron before it disappeared after season upon season of snow and ice. The Air Force sent Major Norman Vaughan by dog sled to pick up the secret Norden bomb sight that had been left on one of the planes. They didn't want this to fall into German hands.

And now Major Vaughan is a member of the Atlanta expedition, which is hoping to dig out the planes.

And, if the shifting forces haven't crushed the planes, there is a good chance they will have been preserved in mint condition. Jay told me: "The Air Force once went to where some other World War Two planes had crashed in the Arctic and took the engines out of them. Amazingly, they got them running."

"This is because the planes are in fresh water, so there should be no deterioration. They should be in perfect shape that way. For they are oxidised and covered in camouflage paint."

So 46 years after they skidded to oblivion on the Arctic snow, the lost squadron may come to life again. And, if the new Raiders' dream comes true, it may also soar back into the sky.

Whale fossils shed light on origins, climatic changes

By Simon Louissou

WELLINGTON, (Reuters): New Zealand scientists have unearthed whale fossils 30 million years old which could shed light on the origins of the species and provide clues to climatic changes at the time.

Geologists have dug up some 20 baleen whale fossil skeletons near Waitaki valley in the south of the South Island and estimate hundreds more may be there. Baleen whales are those such as minke which do not have teeth.

"The abundance of whales here at this time may reflect major geological changes in the Southern Hemisphere," Dr Ewan Fordyce, the geologist in charge of the project, said in an interview.

The fossils are claimed to be the oldest baleen skeletons ever found.

Fordyce said older whale types have been found elsewhere, but they are further back in whale ancestry and looked more like modern-day seals.

The fossils show baleen whales have changed little in the intervening period and this gives a clue to climatic changes.

Baleen whales are known to feed mostly in high latitude polar regions. The find indicates the climate in the area at the time was not a moderate as previously thought.

Fordyce said baleen whales now feed above latitude 60

degrees while the Waitaki valley is around 45 degrees south.

"It tells us about the first appearance of high latitude polar food resources. It is also telling us that maybe this was a time of major cooling or change of the world's oceans," he said.

Fordyce said it was hard to be precise but the change in climate was up to five degrees centigrade over a few million years.

"That's a major change. If that happened today we would regard it as going into an ice age," he said.

The find at between 150 and 200 metres (500 and 650 feet) above sea level indicates New Zealand then bordered the southern ocean and the sea level was much higher.

New Zealand was part of the vast supercontinent known as Gondwana, an amalgam of what is now India, Southern Africa, South America, Australia, New Zealand and Antarctica.

"The fossil find certainly supports the theory of the break-up of Gondwana," Fordyce said. "It fits it all together rather nicely."

Until now, the climate of Antarctica was thought to have been rather moderate until 40 million years ago despite its polar position, Fordyce said.

Before the break-up of Gondwana the moderate climate was probably caused both by the influence of contin-

uous coastlines to the north with the more temperate land masses of Australia and South America, and by the lack of a circum-polar ocean, he said.

The climate deteriorated 30-40 million years ago as Australia and South America drifted away to leave Antarctica thermally isolated from warmer latitudes by the southern ocean.

Changes occurred in ocean temperatures as the polar continent cooled. This saw the evolution of the cold Antarctic current which now sweeps from west to east around the southern ocean.

"I suggest that the development of new oceanic and climatic patterns in the south probably triggered the evolution of baleen whales, characterised by their new filter-feeding strategy," Fordyce said.

"The seas of New Zealand may have been vitally important in this evolution."

Fordyce said New Zealand offered great promise for new discoveries. His project was funded by the National Geographic Society.

"It is one of the last frontiers of natural history. There has been an enormous amount of work done in the Northern Hemisphere and a bit down in South America but New Zealand fossils have only just been touched," he said.

"Almost everything we find turns out to be something new, something unsuspected."



New Zealand geologists examine a 30-million-year-old whale fossil.

By Michael di Cicco

HONG KONG, (UPI): An ancient mission, a beautiful Chinese princess and a voyage across the sea are key elements in a plan to retrace Marco Polo's expedition from Asia to mark its 700th anniversary.

A British physician, his wife and children and a small crew hope to recreate the historic 15,500-mile (25,000-km) voyage from southern China to Venice—using an authentic 75-foot Chinese sailing junk and a blend of ancient drawings and computer graphics.

"Most of the hooks on Marco Polo's voyage were written by people in armchairs who got their information from books, but we're really retracing his route," said Dr. Thomas Moran, who with his wife, their three children aged 2 to 8, and six permanent crew members plans to set out in October.

Marco Polo, the famed Venetian adventurer, left the China coast in 1292 with an imperial fleet of 14 junks and 2,000 crew on orders from Kublai Khan to deliver Cocachin, a beautiful Chinese princess, to Persia for marriage to Argun, Lord of the Levant.

More than 600 members of the expedition perished during

In the footsteps of Marco Polo

the 2-year voyage. By the time they reached Hormuz, in modern Iran, Argun was dead, though his son was happy to take the oriental princess as his bride.

His duty done, Marco Polo went on to his home city, Venice, which he had not seen for 24 years.

Now the small band of sailors will again take a beautiful Cocachin to Hormuz, then to Venice, and this time on to London. On this voyage, however, Cocachin is the name of the sailing vessel that will carry them across the South China sea, the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea to Hormuz, using Marco Polo's writings to guide them.

The group, picking up researchers and volunteer crew members along the way, hopes to arrive in Venice in about March 1990, followed by a trip

through the European inland waterways, ending in London around October 1990.

"Through the voyage I hope to demonstrate that the old (junk) design is just as seaworthy as more modern boats," Moran said.

He plans to compare and contrast what they find with Marco Polo's original descriptions for use in lectures, a book and a film.

"Many of the ports where Marco Polo stopped are no longer of importance," Moran said. "At some places where he found cities we will find only ruins or at the most small villages."

Building the Cocachin took more than four years. A 2-year quest for a keel—or "dragon spine," as junks don't have keels in the modern sense—got nowhere until Moran mentioned his problem to Leung Fat, the "wood man" at the Shing Ge Fat shipyard.

Within two weeks Leung Fat found such a timber buried in the mud at the bottom of a Hong Kong harbor, where it had been stored by another "wood man" more than 40 years ago.

The huge tree trunk was hauled to the surface, covered in barnacles and putrid slime. It was impossible to tell the state of the wood," Moran said.



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Hall and Oates: rare instinct for survival

For 20 years pop stars Daryl Hall and John Oates have been the unsung heroes of the charts, churning out hit after hit. Now, in recognition of their achievements, they have just been voted the world's most successful rock partnership ever.

By James Roberts

POP superstars Daryl Hall (he's the tall blond one) and John Oates (the dark muscular one) have come a long way since their first explosive meeting. The chart-busting duo, who have sold more than 60 million records around the world, met at a music competition in their home town of Philadelphia when someone pulled out a gun and started shooting.

Not surprisingly their conversation then was a little stilted. But, 20 years later, they are still making sweet music together...and a fortune in the bargain.

Crowned

Now they have just crowned their glittering careers by being voted the world's most successful rock music partnership ever by the industry's prestigious Billboard magazine. And to their millions of adoring fans who have bought their songs such as She's Gone, Man Eater, Private Eyes and the ballad they wrote made famous by Paul Young, Everytime You Go Away, it is an award they richly deserve.

Today they have a new album out entitled Oh Yeah and after a three-year break from working with each other seem happier together than ever. Since they were asked to come up with a song for Beverly Hills II last year which set the Hall and Oates ball rolling again, they haven't looked back.

Physically they could not be more different. Hall, 38, is tall, skinny and pale, while Oates, also 38, is small, dark and muscular.

But as they enjoy yet another

sellout American tour, they admit there is a secret to their amazing success. They have a rare instinct for survival which has stopped them falling victim to the pitfalls of rock 'n' roll.

It began when they were confronted by the gunman at their first meeting and it has been with them ever since.

Daryl recalls: "We went through the Seventies which was a pretty wild time. There was strange stuff going on. Meanwhile, John has emerged unscathed by a motor racing accident which put him in hospital with concussion. He says: "It was not a bad accident by car racing standards, but it was bad by mine. It was enough to make me stop."

Throughout all their dramas though, Hall and Oates' work has been the one thing that has kept them going. Even they confess: "Nothing stops that. We don't have any priorities other than music."

That was certainly the case when they met at that local battle of the hands contest.

Daryl says: "We were both in different hands waiting to do a show when some guy whipped out a pistol and started firing. In the ensuing panic, John and I found ourselves hiding in the same lift...and we got talking."

Rumoured

"We weren't surprised by the shooting — gang warfare was pretty common at the dances where we played."

Luckily on that occasion no one was hurt, but the duo seem to have been dogged by violence.

Their smash hit Rich Girl was rumoured to have been an inspiration for American mass murderer Son of Sam, who



Hall and Oates: making sweet music together...and a fortune in the bargain



Top rockers: Hall and Oates have been voted the world's most successful rock music partnership by Billboard magazine

Killed six beautiful girls during his reign of terror in New York in 1977.

Daryl adds: "He always requested our record while he was in prison saying it inspired him."

But apart from music, Hall and Oates have one other thing in common — the ability to drive girls wild.

Daryl explains: "We have lots of girls and we like to get a sexy reaction when we play...and despite rumours NETHER of us is homosexual." Yet Hall DID once shatter many girls' dreams when he



Singers Daryl Hall (left) and John Oates, the chart-busting duo who have sold more than 60 million records around the world.

told a magazine that he had had gay relationships.

He is reported to have said: "The idea of sex with a man doesn't turn me off. I had lots of strange relationships with older boys when I was 14 and 15. But men don't particularly turn me on."

A failed marriage, a son and a longtime girlfriend suggest that those days are now over for Daryl. He has been with his girlfriend Sara Ellen throughout his pop success.

"When we met it was difficult for us because I already had a wife," he says. "I was about 20 when I married and we were both too young for it to work out. Sara and I have no plans to get married, though I would only do it to have children, and I don't want them at this stage."

"Sara is a great — she isn't a clinging vine like many women in rock. We both value our independence, and that is why our relationship has worked so well."

Birds — the feathered variety — have also featured in Hall and Oates' success... in the shape of Daryl's two pet parrots. South American parrots.

He explains: "My two birds

can really tell hits from misses. When I write songs I always play them to the parrots first. From the way they behave I know if a song is going to be a hit or not. If they sing along and really seem happy I know we have a hit on our hands."

Influenced

Like many musicians Hall's music was influenced by his childhood. Religion played a big part.

He says: "I have lots of ministers in my family so I was always stuck in church. I was singing in choirs, singing a lot of gospel music. I really grew up a lot in the same atmosphere as any black soul singer."

But a couple of years ago after Hall and Oates had resigned supreme for several years they decided to go their separate ways...to pursue solo careers.

Hall said at the time: "People get older. Career-wise we've shared all our aspirations and I think we've got tired of just working from shared experiences all the time."

"We wanted to explore individual things and I think John felt the same way as I did." It was Daryl's decision to

break away from their long-standing partnership. "I think that was obvious if you follow our career. There is no question at all of a row. We're still as good friends now as we ever were. We were friends before we started working together."

"We became college room mates then two or three years later we decided to make music and since we were friends before, we're friends after it."

"I think he felt a little frustrated because my direction was always the direction that it seemed to go in. I have a stronger personality than him and I write more songs than him and they always were more popular so all those things would kind of make a dent in the guy."

But there have been enough compensations to prevent Oates from reaching for the sleeping pills. Hall and Oates have become one of the best-selling acts in popular music, rivaling the likes of Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson for sheer volume of hits, and pipping The Everly Brothers as the all-time top duo.

Fortunately for their fans Hall and Oates are now back together and as big as ever.

Roll on the next 20 years.

Phil Collins shoots up to top of UK charts

LONDON: A Groovy Kind of Love by Phil Collins shot up from seventh place to top the British pop singles chart this week.

Collins humped The Only Way Is Up by Yaz and the Plastic Population into second place after five weeks as number one.

A re-release of He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother by the Hollies made its first appearance in the top 10 in third position. The song currently is being used in a British beer commercial.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses.

Ten UK

1. (7) A Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Virgin)
2. (1) The Only Way Is Up — Yaz and the Plastic Population (Big Life)
3. (—) He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother — Hollies (EMI)
4. (8) Tearsdrops — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway)
5. (5) Megablaster — Doesa't Make Me Wait — Bomb the Bass (Rhythm King)
6. (3) The Harder I Try — Brother Beyond (Parlophone)
7. (—) The Race — Yello (Mercury)
8. (2) Hands To Heaven — Breathe (Virgin)
9. (9) My Love — Julio Iglesias and Stevie Wonder (CBS)
10. (6) I Need You — B.V.S.M.P. (Debut)

And in New York GUNS n' ROSES jumped to the top of the single pop record charts in the United States with their new hit Sweet Child O'Mine. The disc was third a week ago.

Monkey by George Michael slipped to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Robert Palmer's Simply Irresistible hopped up two notches to third.

Last week's number two hit, I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That by Elton John, dipped to fifth place.

Three newcomers made their way onto the top 10 pop list. When It's Love by Van Halen climbed from 11th to 8th.

Taylor. Dayne's I'll Always Love You moved from 9th to 9th, and Nobody's Fool, the theme from the film, climbed from 11th to 10th.

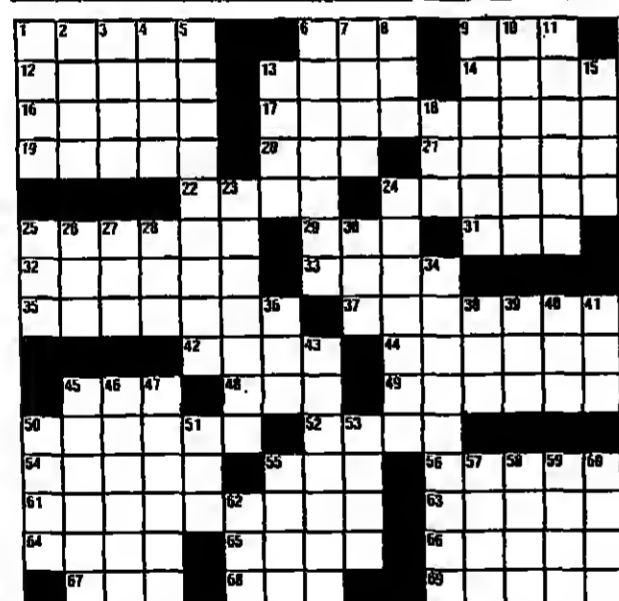
The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets.

Top Ten US

1. (3) Sweet Child O'Mine — Guns n' Roses (Geffen)
2. (1) Monkey — George Michael (Columbia)
3. (5) Simply Irresistible — Robert Palmer (EMI/Manhattan)
4. (6) Perfect World — Huey Lewis and The News (Chrysalis)
5. (2) I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That — Elton John (MCA)
6. (4) Fast Cars — Tracy Chapman (Elektra)
7. (10) If It Ain't Love — New Edition (MCA)
8. (11) When It's Love — Van Halen (Warner Brothers)
9. (15) I'll Always Love You — Taylor Dayne (Arista)
10. (13) Nobody's Fool — The Top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) Joe Knows How To Live — Eddy Raven (RCA)
2. (6) That's What Your Love Does To Me — Holly Dunn (MTM)
3. (1) Do You Love Me Just Say Yes — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers)
4. (7) I Should Be With You — Steve Wariner (MCA)
5. (4) Couldn't Have You If I Tried — Rodney Crowell (Columbia)
6. (9) Addicted — Dan Seals (Capitol)
7. (8) Don't Give Candy to a Stranger — Larry Boone (Mercury/Polygram)
8. (11) We Haven't Had Happy Endings — Earl Thomas Harris with Emmylou Harris (RCA)
9. (12) Streets of Bakersfield — Dwight Yoakam and Buck Owens (Warner Brothers-Repertoire)
10. (16) Honk Tonk Moon — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers)

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Subject for William Blake
 - 6 Actor O'Neal
 - 9 Become less green
 - 12 Reverses
 - 13 Crafty
 - 14 — Ide
 - 16 Hug
 - 17 Tirades
 - 19 Harrison's running mate
 - 20 Hall to Caesar
 - 21 Total
 - 22 Concerning
 - 24 Villainous looks
 - 25 — Islands, N of Cuba
 - 29 Cut short
 - 31 Before JFK
 - 32 Site of a biblical "splashdown"
 - 33 Strophe
 - 35 Gifted people
 - 37 Vivify
 - 42 Short swims
 - 44 Amateurish painter
 - 45 One of a slapstick trio
 - 48 Dine
 - 49 Of a Sicilian volcano
 - 50 More glacial
 - 52 Declare
 - 54 Elevate
 - 55 Biblical lion
 - 58 "Hedda Gabler" author
 - 61 Tirade
 - 63 Praise for Paverotti
 - 64 Come apart, with "off"
 - 65 Fruit drinks
 - 66 Mansard feature
 - 67 AMA members
 - 68 United
 - 69 Cubic meter
- DOWN**
- 1 Savor-faire
 - 2 In a leisurely fashion
 - 3 Score for
 - 4 Gretskey
 - 5 Trade
 - 6 Forestall
 - 7 Four roads
 - 8 — Hague
 - 9 Tarned
 - 10 Egged on
 - 11 Put up with
 - 13 Not closed
 - 15 Nile ophiidians
 - 18 —about-town
 - 23 Sharper
 - 24 Metrical foot
 - 25 What Boggs belts with
 - 26 Heavenly altar
 - 27 Actor Linden
 - 28 100 square meters
 - 30 Retirement
 - 34 Tirades
 - 36 Minaral spring
 - 38 River near Bangkok
 - 39 Actor Vigoda
 - 40 Afternoon affair
 - 41 Sea eagle
 - 43 Farnished
 - 45 Moped
 - 46 Director Stone
 - 47 Namesakes of a Ford
 - 50 Shot, for Snaad
 - 51 All-inclusive abbr.
 - 53 Struggles
 - 55 Assistant
 - 57 Holy terror
 - 58 Hoard
 - 59 Eternal
 - 60 Winning margin, at times
 - 62 Marble

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAMEL PAIL CHAP
AGILE ACNE LUNA
THE FOUR HORSEMEN
SIAM TROY TASTE
BALE THAN
CHARLEY HORSES
TREND OAST SPA
RULE ACUTE OTIS
ISL AGAR WRENS
HORSEFEATHERS
ASSE BOIL
AROSE CURT BUD
LIGHTHORSEHARRY
MORE ALEE ELIOE
STER DEED REMUS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WATCH OUT FOR 'SIMPLE' HANDS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ A 9 7 3
♥ 9 5 4
♦ Q 6 4
♣ A Q 5

WEST

♠ K Q J
♥ J 8 6 3
♦ K 10 9 3 2
♣ 7

EAST

♠ 10 8 5 4 2
♥ 7
♦ J 8 5
♣ 9 8 3 2

SOUTH

♠ 6
♥ A K Q 10 2
♦ A 7
♣ K J 10 6 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

It is easy to take your eye off the ball when a contract looks deceptively easy. Remember what we have tried to drum into you over the years: Expect the worst!

Note that South did not feel compelled to do more than rebid two clubs at his second turn. He did not get excited about the hand because of the spade misfit. However, when

his partner took a jump preference over two clubs, South launched into Blackwood before coming to rest in six hearts.

The king of spades was a normal lead, and declarer thought that his only loser was going to be a diamond. He won the first trick in dummy, cashed two trumps and got a rude shock when East discarded a spade on the second trump. Declarer tried to recover by crossing to the queen of clubs and ruffing a second spade. However, when he tried to get to dummy with a second club, West ruffed and exited with a trump, and declarer eventually had to concede a diamond for down one.

It needed only a simple precaution for declarer to give himself an extra chance—he should have ruffed a spade at trick two. Now when East shows out on the second trump, declarer can draw a third round, cross to dummy with a club and ruff another spade. All that remains is to run clubs and wait until West ruffs, then hope for the best.

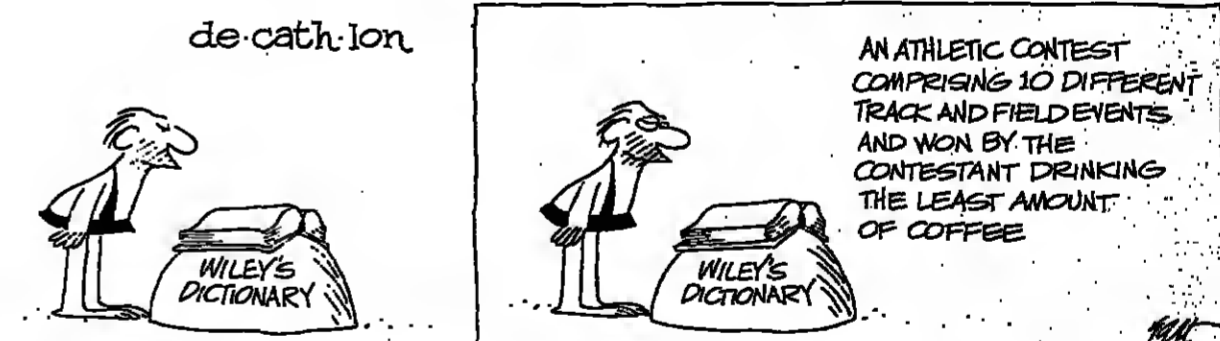
If the cards lie as in the diagram, when West ruffs he has only diamonds left. And since he holds the king, leading away from the monarch will allow dummy's queen to score the fulfilling trick.



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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 19)**
- You will feel a little excited about the way things are going. You should leave yourself a bit more room for doubt. Do be prepared to change your mind in the light of new evidence. Be cordial.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
- You should be prepared to take things more fully in your stride. A letter which you have received should be replied to without delay. Concentrate on essentials and leave the details for later. Be more tolerant.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
- You should not allow yourself to be too easily persuaded to abandon a project. Make sure your partner feels loved and wanted. Do not try to do too many things all at one time. Be cordial.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
- You will feel in a better mood than you have of late. You will be able to deal with an outstanding matter. You are rather too inclined to confuse what is with what you would prefer to be. Be helpful.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
- There is a tendency to indulge in dreams and allow your imagination to much scope. You will have to be more careful about your expenditure. There is no time to lose but nor should you be in too much of a hurry. Be reliable.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
- You should not be too critical of others more critical of yourself. You should avoid becoming too set in your habits. Make sure your car is properly maintained and do not drive recklessly. Be more flexible.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
- The prospects are good but that is no excuse for being reckless or careless. You will have some personal success which will make you feel good. You should not say exactly what is on your mind. Be tactful.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
- You will feel more able to cope with the situation you are in. You should make sure you do not do anything that you think might offend a friend of yours. Take good care of your health. Be frank.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
- Not everything will be quite to your liking but you will know how to make the best of things. You should try to be just a little more patient. Avoid becoming involved in something that does not really concern you. Be generous.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
- You will feel more on top of the situation but you must not allow your attention to wander. You should try to relax but that does not mean being idle. Take note of your intuitions but still let reason be the decisive factor. Be cordial.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**
- Not everything will proceed quite as you had expected. You should do your best to stay on good terms with those close to you. You should not do anything you feel a little doubtful about. Be amenable to change.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
- You should be a little less impulsive think hard before you act. You should try to keep calm even in the face of provocation. Do not let too much instead you should make the most of what you have. Be beautiful.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tourism becomes billion-dollar business in Morocco

RABAT, Sept. 9, (Reuters). Tourism has become a booming billion-dollar industry in Morocco attracting foreign investors and raking in more foreign exchange than anything but the phosphate industry and money sent home by workers abroad.

Last year Morocco earned a record eight billion dirhams (about \$1 billion), 16 per cent more than the year before, from 1.7 million tourists, Tourism Minister Moussa Saadi told a recent news conference.

The number of tourists was already an 8.6 per cent increase over 1986 and Saadi said he expected even better business this year, judging by a 17 per cent rise in the first three months of 1988 over the same period last year.

Attractions

The tourism horizon is wide open, the attractions are varied and with co-ordinated co-operation we can attract millions of tourists from everywhere," he said.

"Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are interested in investing in our tourist industry," he added.

Lured by the business prospects and financial incentives, a Portuguese group, Consorcio de Gestao e Investimentos Turisticos, has agreed to build a \$140-million tourist complex at Saadia on the Mediterranean.

American real estate developer James Burch is seeking government approval to build an "African capitol" in Agadir on the Atlantic at a cost of more than \$400 million.

Morocco spent about 900 million dirhams (\$110 million) last year building more hotels and improving transport for tourists, buying new aircraft for the national airline Air Maroc.

Morocco, with a coastline stretching from the Atlantic into the Mediterranean, offers year-round sun, excursions into the deserts of the western Sahara, sandy beaches, water skiing and fishing.

US banks having banner year despite Texas setbacks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, (AP). The nation's commercial banks enjoyed their most profitable six months on record through June this year, despite continuing losses in Texas, the government said yesterday.

"You could hardly ask ... for better," said Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman L. William Seidman.

Commercial banks earned \$105 billion in the first and second quarters this year, topping the \$9.7 billion in net income for the second and third quarters of 1985, which had been the most profitable six months since the FDIC began keeping track in 1934.

In the first half of last year, banks lost \$5.4 billion. The big loss was almost entirely attributable to huge reserves set aside by the largest banks for expected losses on loans to Third World countries.

Reserves

Banks haven't seen the need to build those reserves further this year and are thus earning strong profits. Banks set aside \$916 million on foreign loans in the first six months of this year, compared with 16.4 billion in the same period a year ago.

"We think ... we will see record profits for the year if the economy continues on its current level," said Seidman, whose agency insures commercial banks deposits up to \$100,000. The most profitable year for banking was 1985, when the industry posted earnings of \$18.1 billion.

The April-June period of 1988 was the second most profitable quarter on record, after the July-September quarter of last year, when banks reported \$5.8 billion in net income.

Economic and trade pact

DAMASCUS, Sept. 9, (Reuters). Syria and India signed an agreement on Wednesday to improve economic and trade co-operation, officials said.

Indian officials arrived on Monday to attend Damascus's 35th international trade fair. India traditionally takes part in the event.

Relations received a big boost following a visit by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to Syria in June.

Kuwait-Madras service planned

BA to resume flights to Iraq and Iran

By M.C. Bose

BRITISH Airways will resume flights to Iraq and Iran during the coming winter season after the Gulf war.

Laurence O'Toole, the BA manager in both Kuwait and Iraq, told a press briefing at the Kuwait Sheraton on Wednesday that British Airways stopped service to Tehran in 1983. The airline was operating two flights a week to Iran and three flights a week to Baghdad. The airline stopped its services to Baghdad in 1985.

O'Toole said BA maintained an office in the Iraqi capital even during the "troubled years."

Flight

"It is only a matter of flight scheduling in Iraq, but in Tehran we have to generate more interest in the travel trade. A fresh attempt has to be made there since the office was closed five years ago, the BA manager said.

British Airways Kuwait Sales Manager Ralph Collins, Assistant Sales Manager Micheline Abu Chakra and the Bahrain-based public relations representative Vivian Lines (Gulf Hill and Knowlton) also attended the press conference.

British Airways officials share the view that traffic looks better but "we don't expect an immediate boom in this industry," O'Toole said. A slow and gradual buildup is possible, and "long-term prospects will be more promising."

The officials said the Gulf operations were not seriously affected by the war. The poten-

tial Kuwait market has been growing steadily and with new vigour.

When asked about the traffic growth, the BA manager said the airline makes 100 take-offs and landings every week in the Middle East. Every year, BA carries 48,000 passengers in and out of Kuwait, he said.

Collins told the press that Madras is being introduced by BA as a new destination from Kuwait for the winter 1988 schedules which start at the end of October and continue until March next year.

He said: "This will bring the direct, non-stop flights and will greatly benefit travellers to and from the southern part of India."

Operate

Two non-stop flights will operate each week, departing from Kuwait on Friday and Sunday at 9.05 am and arriving in Madras at 4.00 pm.

The first eastbound flight will be the BA149, leaving London's Heathrow Airport on Nov 3 at 10.20 pm, arriving in Kuwait at 8 am on Friday, Nov 4 and continuing on to Madras at 9.05 am.

The first westbound flight will be the BA148, leaving Madras at 9.00 pm on Friday, Nov 4.

Return fares to Madras have not been finalised but they will be competitively priced to reflect current market conditions, the officials said.

Bookings

British Airways is now taking bookings for the winter schedules.

Meanwhile, some travel agents in Kuwait told the Arab



Picture shows from left to right Ralph Collins, Micheline Abu Chakra and Laurence O'Toole.

Times that it looks like air traffic will grow further and business prospects are encouraging. Airlines which expect to sell their services to business executives will have steady growth prospects, they said.

However, a well-established travel agency executive in Kuwait, who wished to be unidentified, said British Airways' Kuwait-Madras services would be more profitable, if the airline and concerned authorities could change rigid and unattractive customs proceedings in Madras.

Importance

In related travel news, British Airways' Middle East Visitors Service (MEVS) has extended its operations to include London Gatwick Airport from Sept 1, to assist the increasing number of Arab passengers travelling with BA and using Gatwick.

"Gatwick's importance is expanding rapidly for British

Airways and MEVS," said the BA manager. The number of BA passengers using Gatwick is expected to increase by at least 20 per cent in 1989.

Currently, some Middle East flights from Muscat, Dhahran and Dubai arrive at Gatwick and other Middle East destinations are expected to be added next year.

Service

"We therefore thought it essential that MEVS should establish an office at Gatwick to provide the best possible service for Arab passengers flying with BA," said O'Toole.

MEVS was founded as a subsidiary of British Airways in 1980. The service is staffed by Arab nationals, fluent in Arabic and English, who meet all BA flights arriving and departing at Heathrow and Gatwick to and from the Middle East.

A passenger requesting MEVS service at the time of booking will

be met on arrival in London and escorted through passport control, customs and immigration and through to the baggage reclaim area and out into the arrivals hall.

MEVS will also assist passengers when they leave London and can arrange transfers between Gatwick and Heathrow airports.

MEVS is much more than just a "meet and greet" service, O'Toole said. It also provides assistance for Arab passengers staying in Britain. This can range from making hotel reservations, booking language schools or apartments and arranging medical treatment to organising a car or limousine to take passengers to their destination.

"MEVS is a vital element in British Airways' philosophy of responding to the needs of its passengers and it demonstrates the airline's care and commitment to the Arab world," the BA manager said.

Drexel case boosts prospects for tough insider-trading law

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, (Reuters). A blockbuster case against the Wall Street investment firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. and six people with illegal insider stock trading, manipulating stock prices, rigging corporate takeovers and other securities law breaches.

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Probe

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securities laws more than 50 years ago, on Wednesday charged Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. and six people with illegal insider stock trading, manipulating stock prices, rigging corporate takeovers and other securities law breaches.

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"Clearly, the Laissez-Faire policies of the 1980s have helped create the atmosphere to feed this

predator's frenzy," he said. Markey's sub-committee, which has jurisdiction over the SEC and securities laws, scheduled a public meeting on Friday to hear from SEC chairman, David Ruder and Gary Lynch, the SEC's director of enforcement, about the Drexel case.

Fine

Markey is the principal author of an insider-trading bill that would boost the maximum criminal fine for individuals from \$100,000 to \$1 million and, for corporations, from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million.

The measure, which reaches the House of Representatives for debate on Tuesday, would stiffen the maximum jail term for criminal violations from five to 10 years and open the way for lawsuits by private citizens who believe they suffered financial losses because of insider-trading.

Under existing law, insider-trading generally refers to trading securities on the basis of information about the security that has not yet been made public.

Thatcher backs Lawson on rising interest rates

GLASGOW, Scotland, Sept. 9, (Reuters). Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday strongly defended a controversial decision by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson to slow down Britain's consumer demand by raising interest rates.

Thatcher told the Scottish Confederation of British Industry that Lawson's move was necessary. She said it was in everyone's interests to get a balance right between saving and investment.

Lawson's policies have come under increasing fire in the last 10 days after a record July current account deficit, fuelled by strong consumer imports, sparked a slide in sterling and a one point rise in interest rates to 12 per cent.

Borrowing

Speaking in Glasgow, the first stop of a three-day tour of Scotland, Thatcher said: "The government has cut its borrowing to the bone. Indeed, last year, we actually repaid debt. And this year, we are likely to repay even more. But the personal sector needs to save, too."

"So the chancellor has taken the necessary action at this time.

The higher interest rates will give a substantial incentive to savers, and a disincentive to borrowers."

Growth

Britain would not have its present prolonged period of economic growth if inflation here and in other Western industrialised countries had not been brought down in the early 1980s, she said.

"But government can never relax its efforts against inflation. Once there is any sign that inflationary pressure is building up, government must take the necessary action to stop it," she said.

Thatcher said the fundamental strength of the world economy had come through more strongly than expected and Britain had continued to be one of the fastest growing economies.

While the strength of investment was encouraging, the rapid growth in consumption had led to imports growing much faster than exports, a substantial trade deficit and too much borrowing at a time when savings had fallen sharply.

Demand for Colombo labour in Mideast on the rise

Lack of flights worries Sri Lankans

COLOMBO, Sept. 9, (KUNA). Sri Lanka, which has been hoping to increase its foreign exchange earnings by sending more workers to Middle Eastern countries, has been hampered by the inadequacy of flights to the region. Foreign Employment Agency officials said here today.

A senior official at a local foreign employment agency told KUNA the demand for Sri Lankan labour in the Middle East is growing fast, but due to inadequate flights the country is unable to meet the demand.

The official, wishing anonymity, said five airlines which carry the bulk of the Middle East-bound passengers — Air Lanka, Kuwait Airways, Gulf Air, Emirates Air, and Saudia — are able to carry only 40 per cent of the labour traffic.

"We want Air Lanka to step

up its flights in these routes," Gamin S. Dassanayaka of the Association of Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies said.

But if the national carrier is unable to do it, "other airlines should be allowed to fill the void," he said.

Since the airlines are unable to meet the demand, many workers who found jobs in Middle East have to wait for weeks to get a ticket, Dassanayaka said.

"Isn't it a pity that those who should have already been working and sending the needed foreign exchange (back to Sri Lanka) are made to cool their heels here," Dassanayaka asked.

Workers

The official at the local foreign employment agency said the failure to send the needed workers in time affects their relationship with their foreign

employers.

The workers who have secured a job in the Middle East but are unable to go in time due to lack of flights are worried that they might lose their jobs.

"It makes me feel tense when I think I should have gone Dubai as a housemaid before the end of August, but still am stranded here because my job agent could not get me a seat," Attima Mohamed, 29, told KUNA. "Now I am scared I might lose my job," she said.

Declined

Sri Lankans working abroad, mostly in the Middle East, have been sending much-needed foreign exchange to the country, when the tourist trade and the traditional tea sector have in the past years declined.

The decline has been mostly due to adverse weather condi-

tions and the slow more than five-year-old Tamil separatist rebellion which has so far claimed at least 9,000 lives.

Last year, the country's workers in the Middle East sent back at least £200 million, and this year the country's Central Bank officials have predicted Sri Lanka could earn at least \$225 million.

Earnings

To increase the country's foreign exchange earnings and to reduce rising unemployment, the state-run Foreign Employment Bureau (FEB) which co-ordinates the labour migration, has been exploring possibilities to expand the job market for Sri Lankans in the Middle East.

FEB officials recently told KUNA they are sending a state team to explore job opportunities in Iran and Iraq.

Indonesian trade team to visit US and W. Germany

JAKARTA, Sept. 9, (OPECNA). A delegation of the Indonesian capital investment coordinating agency starts a two-week tour of the United States and West Germany tomorrow.

Sanyoto Sasrowardoyo, head of the agency, said the mission will offer investment opportunities in export-oriented projects in Indonesia.

These will cover high technology, machine tool industry, petrochemicals, agriculture, shrimp breeding and base metal industry, he stated.

Value

He said in the past three years, the value of foreign capital investment projects approved by the Indonesian government had been increasing.

In 1986, the figure was \$826 million, in 1987, \$1.45 billion and for the first eight months of 1988, \$2.80 billion had been recorded, he announced.

World Business Summary

US share of world wheat market falling

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9, (AP). An expected 11 per cent drop in wheat exports in 1988-89 will cut into the US share of the world wheat trade, according to Agriculture Department analysts. "World market share may fall from 43 per cent in 1987-88 to about 40 per cent," says the department's Economic Research Service. "Reduced sales to the Soviet Union are expected to account for most of the decline in volume." The drought-battered northern plains, which produces most of the spring-planted durum wheat used in spaghetti and other pasta products, suffered low yields this year. The report said tighter US durum supplies may result in some market loss in North Africa. Some renewed activity in wheat sales resulted from the department's export enhancement programme, or EEP, which provides subsidised sales to selected foreign countries, the report said. New offerings were made this summer to India, China and Algeria. A rise in world grain prices has resulted in a reduction in EEP subsidies, the report said. The subsidies, or bonuses, are paid to exporters in the form of government-owned surplus commodities so the companies can sell wheat at reduced prices to meet foreign competition. Bonus levels have declined, averaging \$17.80 per metric ton of wheat between Aug 1 and Aug 22, only about half that of a year earlier. "The rising export price for wheat and the smaller EEP bonuses imply that EEP importers are picking up a great share of the total cost," the report said. The European Economic Community, which is expected to produce a bumper wheat crop this year, is expected to be the major US competitor in many export markets. However, the EEC was said to have limited exports through this month due to budget constraints are relatively tight wheat supplies. "Other major competitors will not have the supplies to compete effectively with the United States in many markets," the report said. "Canada's stocks are low and the drought is expected to leave Canada with only 16 million tons of exportable supplies. Canada's exports at this level would be 32 per cent below the 1987-88 record and the lowest since 1979-80."

Egypt loosens credit squeeze to help banks

CAIRO, Sept. 9, (Reuters). Egypt has loosened a credit squeeze in order to give banks a competitive edge over private Islamic investment companies, bankers said yesterday. "We hope this will lead to an increase in the flow of deposits, giving banks more flexibility in opening credit lines," one banker said. The move is likely to increase the inflation rate, now running at an estimated 30 per cent a year, but the banker said: "It seems the government decided that the pros outweighed the cons." The Central Bank imposed tight controls on credit in April 1987 in curb inflation. Banks were told to restrict lending to fixed ceilings unrelated to the size of their deposits. This meant bankers were unwilling to accept deposits too far above their credit ceilings because they could not make a profit from the money by lending it. The new move allows banks to extend credits of up to 60 per cent of total deposits. Bankers said this would encourage them to accept deposits which they previously rejected. They said the shift was in line with government efforts to favour commercial banks, which have lost billions of dollars to Islamic finance companies offering higher returns to savers. In June, President Hosni Mubarak signed a law to control the multi-billion-dollar business of half-a-dozen major Islamic investment companies. The law forced them to go public and submit their activities to government scrutiny. Instead of fixed interest rates, banned by Islam, the companies offered depositors a share of profits or losses. The risk-sharing schemes often paid more than 20 per cent against a maximum official interest rate of 13 per cent controlled by banks. Bankers said how that the credit squeeze had been relaxed they would be able to attract cash by emphasising to savers that their money was more secure in a bank.

Arab economic council to discuss economic trends

TUNIS, Sept. 9, (KUNA). The Arab League's Social and Economic Council which convenes here today will discuss last year's world economic trends in general and the Arab world in particular. The council will review a report by the secretary-general of the Arab League on implementation of the last session's resolutions and activities of the general administration for economic affairs. Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jasssem Al Khorafi arrived here last night as head of an official delegation attending the 45th session of the council. Khorafi said in a statement to KUNA that the council will get acquainted with the unified Arab speech to be delivered late this month at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Berlin. The council will focus on resolutions of the last session held in Amman last July. An eight-man ministerial committee was assigned to follow upon implementation measures of resolutions on organisations and authorities affiliated with the Arab League, he said. He called resolutions of the previous session "positive," but said the council must face obstacles on how to implement the measures.

The Kuwaiti finance minister expressed hope that the current session will be frank and open. "If there were any obstacles hindering implementation of decisions, they must be discussed and settled without affecting the content," he said. He called on the Arab League to take appropriate measures to ensure implementation of the resolutions.

TWA chairman's plan approved

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, (KUNA). Shareholders of Trans World Airlines (TWA) Wednesday approved a plan by TWA Chairman Carl Icahn under which the New York investor will buy the remaining 23 per cent of America's seventh largest airline. Icahn already controls 77 per cent of TWA's 30.5 million outstanding shares. However in a surprise move, the airline's pilots filed suit against Icahn and other top TWA managers seeking an injunction against the deal which was approved at a special shareholders meeting. The pilots said their lawsuit seeks to prohibit Icahn from "milking \$665 million of TWA assets" while increasing his holdings in the company without putting up any of his own money. Icahn's proposal, the pilot's association said, violates agreements they reached with him in September 1986 when he took over the financially troubled carrier. The pilots said his takeover would not have been successful had they not agreed to \$300 million dollars in concessions over three years, including a 26 per cent pay out. In return, Icahn vowed to bring the airline back to profitability, ensuring its continued existence and their job security. If the plan goes through, the company will be straddled with a \$2.8 billion debt. Even Icahn's projected income will be insufficient to pay it back, the pilots said. The airline's chances of survival would therefore be small. The pilots now say the 1986 agreement has not been honoured.

Gulf Air orders more Boeings

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, (KUNA). Gulf Air, the multi-national Middle East air carrier, has ordered four more Boeing 767-300 extended range jetliners, the Boeing Co. announced today in Seattle. The four wide-bodied twin-jets equipped with General Electric engines, will be delivered during April, May and June 1989, the company said. This brings to six the total number of extended-range 767-300 planes to be operated in the Gulf Air fleet. Earlier this year, Gulf Air agreed to lease its first two, one of which was delivered in June. The second is due in November. Gulf Air is the carrier of the Arabian Gulf states of Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. It is one of the largest airlines in the Arab world, with flights into Europe, Africa, Asia and the Far East. In date, Boeing has announced orders for 304 767s from 34 customers worldwide.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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BUSINESS

Gold moves up

Dollar rises on US wholesale prices news

LONDON, Sept 9, (Reuters): The dollar rose today when the United States reported that domestic wholesale prices last month rose faster than most economists had expected.

Wall Street stocks fell, with the Dow Jones industrial average down as much as 19 points to a morning low of 2,044. European shares were under pressure.

Dealers said news of a 0.6 per cent rise in the US producer price index suggested inflation might remain a risk.

Gold, which many investors favour when they fear inflation will erode the value of their cash, stocks and bonds, rose higher to be fixed in London at \$429.40 an ounce, up \$1.15 from Thursday afternoon.

Pressures

"The PPI was more than the 0.5 per cent that was expected and it was a little bit of good news for the inflation hedge metals," said Don Tierney of New York bullion dealers Stanley B. Bell Inc.

Some traders started buying dollars, feeling that rising inflationary pressures could lead the American central bank to raise interest rates, so boosting

the returns on dollar-denominated bank accounts and bonds.

The dollar rose as much as one penny and two-thirds of a yen to touch highs of 1.8520 West German marks and 133.65 yen. It gained half a cent to trade as high as \$1.6950 to the British pound sterling.

But many dealers said they were unsure the wholesale prices report really signalled higher inflation.

"It still looks like an inflation rate of between five and six per cent for the year," said one New York currency dealer.

"The numbers are more or less in line with expectations. We don't really have much new information," she added.

"Once again, it's a sleepy today. Order flow from overseas is light and we have little domestic trading," said senior trader Ned Collins at Daiwa Securities Co in New York.

"The market makers are desperate for business so they're creating unrealistic falls, but it's not luring the institutional fund managers back into the market," a broker said.

In Tokyo, the 225-share Nikkei Average slipped 93.01 points to 27,647.10.

In London equity prices lost a modest recovery to stand mostly lower in late trading as Wall Street quickly slid over 15 points in a thin market.

Down

Shares were marked down sharply early this morning after news of a \$363 million rights issue from Carlton Communications but dealers said there was little follow-through selling and a feeling the fall had been overdone helped shares recover.

Rumours that a large government bond holding had been sold and the funds shuffled into equities aided the rally.

Revision

At 1458 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 4.6 points down at 1735.2 after hitting 1717.7, its lowest level since February.

Volume rose toward midday, with some dealers noting more buying interest than they had seen for some time. Government bond dealers suggested some gilt market participants have realised their profits on bonds and are now ploughing these into equities which are looking cheap.

Among the major stocks ICI was 2p down at 998, Lloyds Bank eased 3p to 284, Rank dropped 14p to 624, Cons Gold was up 2p at 1,039, BT added 1p to 230, and Unilever rose 4p to 454.

Maxwell Communications was 2p off at 193 after news it was willing to discuss increasing its hostile \$80 a share bid for US publishing group Macmillan.

Offer

With next week packed with British economic statistics, including the revision on second quarter balance of payments figures, dealers see the thin, nervous trading continuing.

Carlton dropped 99p to 585 after its rights issue news which had operators speculating there might be more issues in the pipeline. The Carlton cash call will help pay for its agreed \$780 million bid for Technicolor of the US.

Dealers noted that there had been relatively few cash calls this summer and a few companies might be releasing rights issues now to avoid stiff competition for funds when the British Steel Corporation privatisation gets under way later this year.

Maxwell

Maxwell also said it was considering raising its alternative offer for Macmillan's information subsidiary to \$1.4 billion from \$1.1 billion.

Tate and Lyle ended 5p higher at 806 after news Cereal Science and Technology is to take a 14.6 per cent stake in its Staley subsidiary for \$175.2 million.

Elsewhere in the food sector RHM was 5p up at 357, with dealers saying the stock looked cheap after recent share falls.

Lourho, 11p higher at 261, was the second most actively traded with 8.8 million shares changing hands and dealers said there were growing rumours of stake-building in the company.

Dealers noted that recently Lourho's share price had been holding up well whenever the market was depressed but had not been moving ahead when it was buoyant either. Dealers say they noticed some large block trades today, and speculate this is stakebuilding by a US buyer.

Pand O, 11p off at 533, topped up its stake in Taylor Woodrow to 10 per cent, keeping alive speculation that it would soon make a full bid for the construction company.

NYSE to begin listing ADRs of foreign bonds

NEW YORK, Sept 9, (AP): The New York Stock Exchange said yesterday it will be the first US marketplace to offer trading in American depositary receipts for foreign debt securities, beginning with French Treasury bonds.

American Depositary Receipts, or ADRs, are certificates issued by US banks that allow investors to buy foreign stocks with dollars. This is the first time they have been used for debt securities, the NYSE said.

The NYSE said it expected the bonds to be listed by the end of the month, pending regulatory approval, and said it expected other foreign governments and corporations would follow suit.

Credit Lyonnais in Paris is the custodian bank for the French bonds, while its US subsidiary CL Global Partners Securities Corp. is marketing the American Depositary Receipts and Bank of New York is the depository bank.

The New York Stock Exchange already offers 2,600 issues of bonds with a par value of more than \$32 billion, mostly corporate issues. Some foreign government and corporate bonds are also traded, but those are issues that were originally issued in the United States.

Malaysia earns \$273m from LPG exports

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9, (OPECNA): Malaysia has earned \$273 million from the export of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) over the past three years.

Between April 1987 and March this year, foreign exchange earnings amounted to \$96.50 million.

Hashim Salleh of the State National Oil Company (Petronas) said ever since LPG displaced charcoal and kerosene for cooking in Malaysia, demand has been met either by the gas processing plant at Port Dickson and Keroh or through imports.

Petronas Daganagan, Petronas's wholly-owned domestic marketing arm, was currently meeting all its LPG needs locally.

In a report in the oil publication "Nada Petronas", Salleh said Malaysia was in a position to supply all its LPG requirements from indigenous sources.

From a strategic point of view, self-sufficiency would be yet another way in which Petronas could fulfil its role under the petroleum development act, he added.

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Economic woes increase for Ozal

ANKARA, Sept 9, (Reuters): A rising inflation rate, poor trade figures and a gloomy report on Turkey's economy spelt trouble today for Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in the run-up to a referendum seen as a vote of confidence in his policies.

But, despite opposition charges of economic mismanagement, Ozal has said he will not deviate from his chosen course which he says will create a better country.

The annual inflation rate in Turkey, which is saddled with \$40.8 billion in foreign debts, hit a six-year high of 78.4 per cent this week while the trade position deteriorated in the first six months of the year.

The current account deficit for January to June widened to \$617 million, compared with \$58 million in the same period last year.

The one bright spot was revenue from tourism, which rose to \$787 million from \$722 million in the first half of 1987.

Solved

The inflation rate, only 40 per cent a year ago, has done most harm to Ozal, a technocrat and economic free-marketier who applied last year for full Turkish membership of the European Economic Community.

"Inflation has now reached rates at which its reduction has to be the overriding priority for policy," the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said in its 1987-88 survey on Turkey.

Turkish Central Bank Governor Rusdu Saracoglu told Reuters before the survey was released today: "I think it (inflation) should be solved rapidly and it can be solved rapidly."

"I am optimistic because I feel ... that public opinion in Turkey is very much against inflation," he added.

Ozal, a conservative, has concentrated his economic policies on boosting exports and curbing inflation. He is aiming for a 45 to 50 per cent inflation rate for calendar 1988.

"If Turkey is developing a little bit today, that is because we know our business," he told reporters on Thursday while campaigning for the September 25 referendum.

Stronger

"My target is to work to create a better, stronger Turkey. There is nothing we can spare from fulfilment of this goal," Ozal brushed aside sugges-

tions that he should step down if, as seems likely, the referendum goes against him.

The opposition regards the referendum, on changing an article of the constitution to advance local elections by six months, as a vote of confidence in Ozal's policies.

Opinion polls have predicted that the prime minister will take only 27 per cent of the vote, with 52 per cent against the amendment and the rest undecided.

This compares with last November's general election when Ozal's Motherland Party received 36 per cent of the vote and won 292 of parliament's 450 seats.

"The political outlook is dicey," said one senior diplomat. "If Ozal gets less than 36 per cent, it will be difficult to portray it as anything but a vote against him."

counter the inflation threat.

Although Wall Street economists do not expect the Fed to raise rates again, they said the danger of inflation probably ruled out lower interest rates in the months ahead.

In the past 12 months producer prices baverised 2.7 per cent, the Labour Department said. In 1987 they rose 2.2 per cent.

Energy prices rose 2.2 per cent in August after remaining unchanged in July but were 4.8 per cent below levels of a year earlier.

Iran opens first stock exchange

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 9, (AP): Iran's first stock exchange opened in Tehran yesterday to offer shares of big industrial establishments to the public, the official Iranian News Agency reported.

The Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Morteza Arami, managing director of Bank Sanat-Madan (Bank of Industry and Mines) told the daily Kayhan that shares will be offered at determined ceiling and base prices.

Arami was quoted as saying the establishments, affiliated to the bank, have annual sales of 150 billion rials (\$2 billion). They include factories producing 92 per cent of the glass needed in the country, five cement plants, two chinaware factories, a tile factory, 33 textile mills and dozens of other firms.

value of the debt will profit developing countries.

— a new credit facility within the IMF to alleviate the debt burden and co-ordinated debt conditions among different lenders,

— limiting debt service payments to a percentage of export earnings,

— increasing access of developing countries' goods to markets in developed countries to boost export earnings.

Crisis

Yugoslavia called for agreement that the severity of the crisis "was due largely to the underlying malfunctioning of the international economic system."

It said there should be internationally approved guidelines for debt management, to which both debtors and creditors would be committed.

The debt urged negotiations between creditor countries, financial institutions and debtor countries to reach a solution which it said should include:

— Lowering real interest rates and extending payment, grace and consolidation periods,

— establishing a mechanism by which the market discount

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Swedes look to evasion

Sweden suffers some of world's highest taxes

STOCKHOLM, Sept 9, (Reuters): Sweden, which suffers some of the world's highest taxes, is also home to some of its most practised tax evaders.

That could change after a September 18 general election.

Even the ruling Social Democratic Party, which in the 50 years it has been in government since 1932, used high taxation to foster social equality and finance the welfare state, agrees that the system is not working properly and needs overhauling.

"High marginal tax rates encourage tax evasion. They encourage the growth of an informal 'grey' economy," said Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt in a recent speech.

Income

"High income earners have learned to use a complex system of deductions to reduce their tax burdens. Both for reasons of equity and efficiency, a tax reform is badly needed," he said.

Others put it more bluntly. "Sweden has reached the upper limit for taxation. The burden is just too heavy," said Bengt Westerberg, leader of the opposition Liberal Party.

"High taxes have turned us into a nation of cheats," said Bjorn Tallas-Wallberg, head of the Swedish Taxpayers' Association, an organisation of 170,000 members campaigning for lower taxes.

Honest

"It's awful to see how the social Democrats have ruined one of the nicest and most honest people in the world," he said.

Measured as a percentage of gross national product (GNP), Swedish taxation leads the world with 52 per cent compared to 39

per cent in Britain, 29 per cent in the United States and 28 per cent in Japan. Income tax, which is combined with municipal taxes, starts at 35 per cent and climbs swiftly to a marginal rate of 75 per cent. Value Added Tax is 23.5 per cent.

Why do Swedes put up with it? One reason is that the Swedish state has traditionally given back a large slice of the money in the form of subsidies and welfare benefits.

"As long as people see the welfare state functioning, they've been reasonably pleased," said Pehr G. Gyllenhammar, chief executive of auto company Volvo.

System

"But the medicare system and old age care, and care for children are deteriorating in quality and people are starting to ask: 'What am I getting for my money?'" he said.

Another reason is that there are tax loopholes, both legal, semi-legal and downright illegal, which enable many Swedes to maintain lavish lifestyles. One in 10 Swedish adults owns a second home and one in six a pleasure boat.

An accountant, who asked to remain anonymous, offered the following guide for the perplexed:

"If you're very, very rich, go and live abroad," he said.

That is the strategy adopted by Swedish tennis stars like Bjorn Borg and current Wimbledon Champion Stefan Edberg during their peak earning years and a growing number of industrialists like Erik Persner, who controls arms and chemicals conglomerate Nobel Industrier.

Development Corp.

If the price falls continues, there could be political ramifications in energy-producing states such as Texas, a big battleground in the presidential election, executives said.

Dale Steffes, head of Houston-based Planning and Forecasting Consultants, said if oil prices fall to \$12 a barrel, US oil companies would lose an estimated \$12 billion to \$13 billion in revenues.

Decline

That kind of sharp decline could send shock waves through the already shaken state economies of the southwest.

"That would stop drilling, which would hurt the oil service industries, too, and would stop the recovery of the banking and real estate industries," Steffes said.

The number of rigs searching for oil in the United States fell by two to 933 last week and was down sharply from 1,099 a year ago, the oil services company Baker Hughes Inc said on Tuesday.

But whether Republican George Bush or Democrat Michael Dukakis would benefit politically may depend largely on how they and the voters respond if the situation worsens.

Austin, Texas, political consultant George Shipley said that

falling prices "could precipitate further insolvency in the banks and savings and loans and, if exploited by Dukakis, could underscore the lack of a national energy policy and an excessive reliance on imported crude oil."

So far, neither Bush nor Dukakis has been outspoken on the need for a national policy that would help the domestic industry because energy-consuming states outnumber oil-producing states, and because there is a lack of consensus in the oil industry.

"The reason we can't get an energy policy is because the industry is divided as badly as Iraq and Iran," said Steffes of the two members of the Organisation of Petroleum Producing Countries that have been at war for eight years.

The division exists primarily between the powerful major oil companies who are getting cheap oil from overseas and making a healthy profit by turning it into gasoline and heating oil, and smaller independent companies that receive most of their income from the production of oil and gas.

Many independents favour an oil import tax or a similar measure establishing a minimum price for oil, while the big companies generally do not.

US businesses plan to boost capital spending

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (AP): US businesses plan to increase capital spending by 11.6 per cent this year, a five-fold increase over 1987, the government said yesterday.

The boom in capital investment this year has been one of the main forces driving the US economic expansion as businesses have stepped up investment plans in response to "heavy demand."

The demand is coming in large part from a rebound in exports as a decline in the dollar since 1985 has helped manufacturers regain lost overseas markets.

The Commerce Department said the 1988 increase, if realised, would be the "biggest advance since 1984, when spending shot up 16.6 per cent as American industry recovered from the steep 1981-82 recession."

Advance

The advance would push business investment to expand and modernise production facilities up to a record high of \$429.4 billion, after adjusting for the effects of inflation.

The latest estimate of business investment plans is based on an industry survey conducted over the last two months.

It represented only a small change from a June report, which estimated spending would rise 11.9 per cent this year.

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Non-aligned nations call for easing of debt burden

NICOSIA, Sept 9, (Reuters): The mounting debt burden of Third World nations and ways to ease it have emerged as major issues at this week's meeting of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) foreign ministers, delegates said yesterday.

Many speakers at an economic committee meeting backed a call by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva this month for commercial banks to cut by 30 per cent the debts owed by impoverished developing nations, they said.

The plan would benefit mainly 15 countries, all but two of them members or observers of the NAM, who together owe some \$300 billion out of a total \$500 billion of such debt weighing on developing nations.

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Vietnam Foreign Minister Nguyen Tran-Kien said:

"The burden of foreign debt of

the developing countries, today some several billion dollars, limits opportunities for development and undermines any possibility of growth.

Delegates said many of the more than 120 amendments submitted to a lengthy draft final document on economic issues concerned debt, mostly seeking to harden the draft statement.

The riches are piling up for best-selling novelist

Tom Clancy: a level-headed success

By Jill Lai

WASHINGTON (UPI). At 41, author Tom Clancy is very rich, is enjoying life, is perhaps more supportive of the military than ever, and, while wildly successful, still has everything in fine perspective.

He manages the last in part by reading criticism of his writing.

"If all you get is praise you turn into a jerk and critics, even if I disagree with them, at least they keep my feet on the ground," he said. "You have to step back from yourself at least once a day and look at yourself and say 'has he screwed up today?'"

"You have to do that and fortunately I had Jesuit education, had good parents and I've learned to do that. It's necessary. One of the things I've practiced over the years is to be as objective as I can about myself, because if I'm my own best critic, at least I have a line of defense against turning into a jerk. Probably my greatest fear is turning into a rich jerk."

The riches are certainly piling up. Hardcover and paperback editions of his novels fly immediately to the top of best-seller lists. His latest, *The Cardinals of the Kremlin* is no exception.

Like *The Hunt for Red October* and *Red Storm Rising*, this again is a tale of a struggle between American and Soviet powers, a clear-cut, good guy-bad guy scenario with the Americans clearly the winner.

But that is how Clancy sees it. "Well, they (the Soviets) are the bad guys and we are the good guys. 'Glasnost' is a very interesting process. It holds great promise for the Soviet Union and the world, if it's real. I think we should encourage the Russians but at the same time, I think we should keep the hand to the wallet for the time being," he said.

Acknowledging that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is an honest-to-God guy, Clancy immediately adds: "But it's got a lot more to do before we're



Tom Clancy: his grasp of military technology makes some uncomfortable

going to date one of our kids.

Clancy, who sold insurance before he began writing, is able to grasp and write about technology — the superspeed Stealth bomber in one book and the 'Star Wars' defense in this one — with a skill that makes some uncomfortable.

But he is outraged at any suggestion that he might be the source of military leaks. "Anyone who would leak any information should be arrested," he said vehemently.

Although he says his material comes only from sources available to the public, it still sometimes sends shivers down the collective back of the military and intelligence communities.

"The way it looks to me," Clancy said, "is that the people who have access to the real stuff don't pay attention to what's

available to the ordinary citizen because their stuff is better. Therefore the stuff available to me gets a little better a little more quickly than they think is likely and they're a little surprised that I'm catching up with them."

Contact

If anything, the contact he has had with the military since *The Hunt for Red October* appeared in 1985 has only increased his support and respect for the armed forces. Unable to serve himself because of his poor vision, Clancy feels there is too much interference with the military and too little appreciation for what they do.

"For all we ask of them, they don't ask very much of us, just a little bit of respect and maybe a clear mission statement once in a while," he said. "They'll go out and die for us if we ask, but

we owe them something. We owe them respect."

He feels there is a tendency, "almost a tradition," in Western society to deal with an insoluble problem by handing it to the military and doing so without any explanation, then leaving the soldier to bear the brunt of criticism.

"The crushing degree of oversight we get in the military guarantees failure," he said.

"Give them a mission that they're trained for and let them do the job, and they'll do the job."

"Put them some place where they don't want to be, don't tell them what their mission is or give them a mission they're not trained for, and say 'go do it whether you like it or not.' ... then don't blame them if they don't get it right."

"Of course our society always blames them," Clancy said, a statement that then leads him to his next bete noir — the media.

He rails against reporters, especially those covering the military, who he says lack sufficient knowledge to "ask intelligent questions."

"It's almost as though there's a rule in the reporting business that a reporter is not allowed to have basic knowledge on the field he reports on. I realize that's a strong statement but I see a lot of it," he said, referring mainly to military affairs reporters.

Clancy admits to the possibility that he is too harsh and says he is tossing ideas around with Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward about viewing a journalist's life from the working end.

Progress on those ideas and work on his next book — which will be about what would happen if the military were brought in to help deal with the international drug trade — is slow right now because of Clancy's legal battle with the naval institute press, which first published *The Hunt for Red October*.

The publisher says it owns the characters in Clancy's books and therefore the

sequels.

"It's kind of like having a kid," Clancy said, shaking his head. "You and your husband are in the delivery room, you push and the head comes out and the doctor picks him up and says 'OK, I'm taking the kid home with me because I delivered him.' You say wait a minute, we created him." And the doctor says, 'well I delivered him so he's got to be mine.'"

The matter is in arbitration. "I'm pretty mad about it but I can only be mad about two hours a day, then I go back to my normal self," Clancy laughed.

His normal self relaxes by shooting on a cliff overlooking a range — a subject that provokes a lengthy discussion on gun control as an infringement on one's civil rights.

Clancy says he also tweaks his wife, Wanda, about spending his earnings, and helps take care of their four children, ages 2 1/2 to 15.

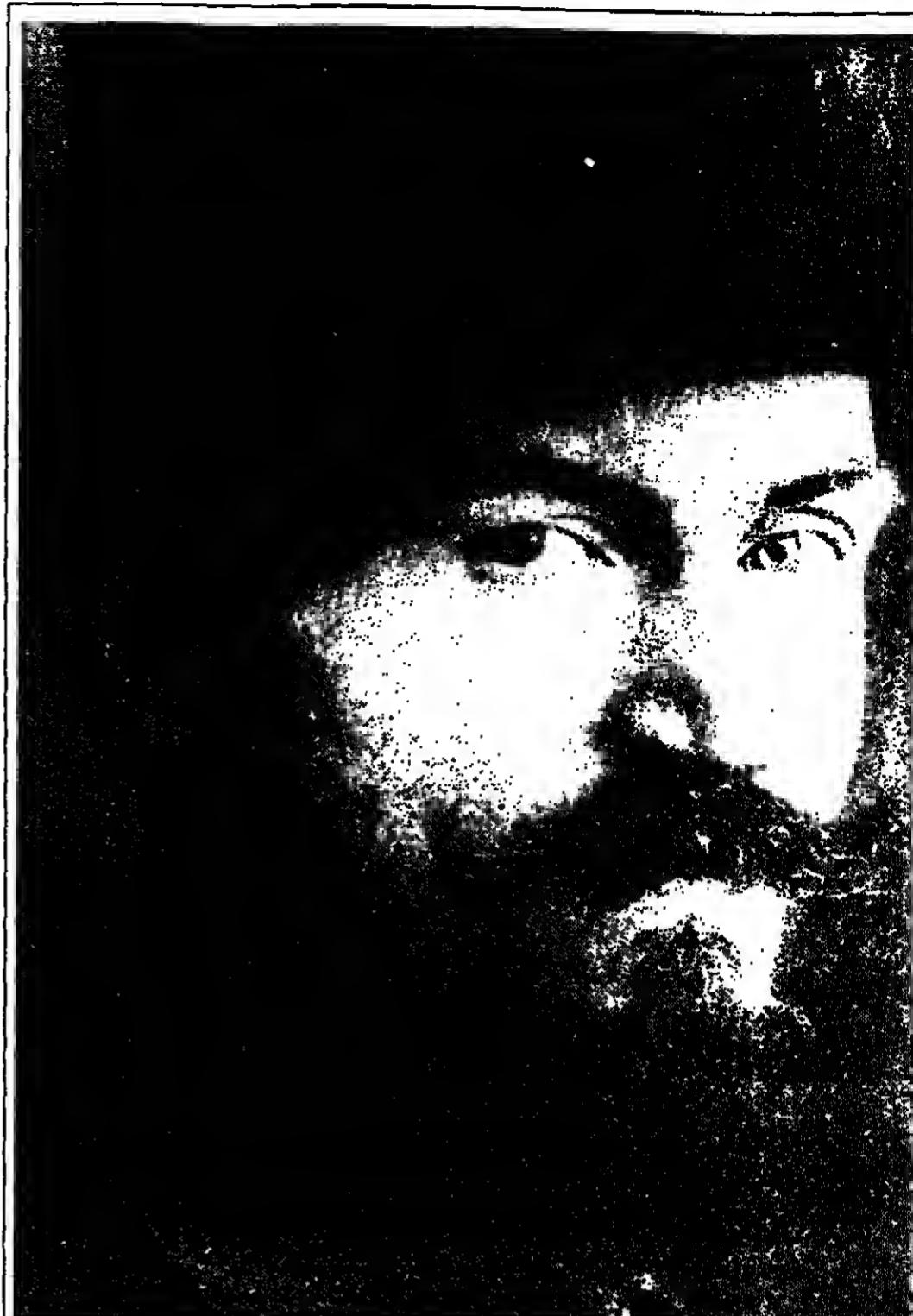
The new Clancy ahole is being built on a cliff overlooking the Chesapeake bay — one situated much like the one in *'Patriot Games'*.

And he is still getting used to being recognized, and rather embarrassedly enjoying even being called a nerd by some. "Jocks get old, nerds get smart. If we weren't smart we wouldn't have been nerds in the first place," he grinned. "A nerd is a geek with brains."

As for his writing, Clancy said, "I'm in the entertainment business. It's my mission in life to take people away from driving trucks or fixing toilets, operating on people's hearts or whatever it is they do."

"I take them away from that and show them something different. And they get enjoyment from that. And that's purpose enough for any man."

"I'm living out my dream now," he said. "That's the ultimate success. I'm doing exactly what I always wanted to do with my life. That's as good as it gets. I've got four kids, I've got a wife who loves me, I've got a house in the country and it's going pretty well."



George Bernard Shaw: his letters are compulsively readable

Trivial and sublime correspondence of Shaw

A compulsive man of letters

By Thomas D' Evelyn

BERNARD Shaw, *Collected Letters, 1926-1950, Volume 4*, edited by Dan H. Laurence. New York: Viking, 946 pp. \$45.

All my heroes — Cicero, St Paul, Erasmus — had epistoles, the compulsion to write letters. Their weakness was their strength. The republic, the early church, Christian humanism — these live in their letters. And perhaps they are heroes to me because they have done what I cannot seem to do: keep up with my correspondence!

From the evidence of four big volumes of letters, Bernard Shaw had it, too. With the appearance of Volume 4, the project of publishing his enormous correspondence is complete. The moment to size up Shaw has arrived.

At his death in 1950, Shaw had become "GBS" — a cultural quantity known the world over. The elements that went into this character were complex. A confessed "born philanderer" and iconoclast, Shaw was also idealistic. Explaining his attitudes toward "relics" — the GBS manuscripts — he said, "I am an Irish Protestant in the marrow of my bones." On most occasions, though, he was an outspoken atheist.

A socialist, he attacked communists who attacked fascism, believing that what the British parliamentary system lacked could be supplied in part by lessons from Mussolini and Stalin. He apparently believed in a revolution of the intellectual, not the proletariat.

In brief, Shaw was the quintessence of something that never quite came into focus. Paul Johnson wrote in *Moderate Times* that "the evaporation of religious faith among the educated left a vacuum in the minds of Western intellectuals easily filled by secular superstition ... They needed to believe; they wanted to be duped."

Perhaps, if Shaw needed to believe and wanted to be duped, he also needed to write about it. In any event, Volume 4 of the letters shows him doing what he does best: writing.

Style

However absurd his opinions, Shaw's style puts him up there with Cicero and Erasmus. However tedious and silly the man, the style is wise. Shaw's candor saved him from being a crank. Compulsively composed, his letters are compulsively readable.

Shaw's low opinion of Christianity is well known. He attacked the gospel of suffering in what he called "crossianity." He did not deny Jesus' goodness. He thought St Paul "a rather mad writer," but only a degree madder than "a rather sane one like Voltaire." He wrote wonder-

ful letters to the Abbess Laurencia McLachlan, once asking her rhetorically, "Why in the name of all the saints does she fly out at me when I devoutly insist that the Godhead must contain the Mother as well as the Father?"

He's as interesting on politics as on religion. During the Spanish Civil War, Shaw was asked to sign an appeal urging republican and nationalist Spain to forgo bombing civilians. He would not. He wrote, "The notion that the killing of civilians, women & children is worse than the killing of soldiers can be held only by horrified people who have not thought out the subject."

Shaw thought out subjects, trivial and sublime. After attending a Paramount Picture starring Gary Cooper, he wrote in 1937, "The affair was in effect a movie, not a talkie; a movie without the qualities derived from the speechlessness." His dramatist's ear was not satisfied with the screenplay by Clifford Odets. Shaw's socialism was thought through. He wrote to Harold Laski, the political scientist and author, in 1945: "None of us foresaw then that the revolution would be achieved in Russia (of all places), by a minority of excessively sophisticated Marxists; and that they would make every possible catastrophic mistake until they were driven by sheer force of facts to establish the present Russo-Fabian state."

Shaw always saw things intellectually; hence he was always catching up. Of Bergen Belsen, the Nazi concentration camp established in 1943 as a POW camp and Jewish transit camp (Anne Frank died there), he wrote in 1945, "Belsen was obviously produced by the incompetence and breakdown of the military command."

As Shaw wrote in 1946, "The truth is sometimes the funniest joke in the world until it is thoroughly found out." He was an apostle of happiness who approached the opposite sex the way he approached everything: experimentally, with faith in his ability to think it through. He once claimed he was the first playwright to put sexual intercourse on the stage. He believed in exercise and vegetarianism as much as sex. He loved beautiful actresses and married a homely Irish woman who appeared to share with him little more than his aversions to tobacco and marriage. Unlike the actresses, Charlotte Payne-Townsend would not be molded, she had to be married. Besides, she was rich. After 20 years of living hand to mouth, Shaw had money.

But it's Shaw's fictive women (Pygmalion, Major Barbara, Saint Joan) that absorbed him — and absorb us. I've argued that the greatness of Shaw's correspondence springs from his deep need to continually refashion himself as things change. Perhaps this insight into art, even more than his beauty, is why he loved actresses.

Here's his eulogy of Ellen Terry, the great Shakespearean actress, and one of the "born philanderers" great preoccupations. Shaw was 84 when, in 1940, he wrote:

Keener

The ancient Pagans, who had a much keener sense of public decency than we have, used to close all their civilized temples when they went to war, and keep only the Barbarian ones open. I am not at all sure that you ought not to close the Barn Theatre, Ellen's temple, for the duration. Possibly the military authorities will close it under the Emergency Act. They would if they had any sense; for no matter how often and how loudly we recite the warlike slogans from Richard the Second and Henry the Fifth, those of us who are old enough to have heard Ellen telling us that "the quality of mercy is not strained" have only to recall her voice to become incapable of killing the Germans or anyone else. The worse we can wish even for Mr Hitler himself is to hear him told off by Ellen, not in a railway carriage, but in the courts of the Doge of Venice.

Intimacy and history, past and present, fantasy, memory, and headlined reality mix here in eloquent — but never merely elegant — proportions.

Art and life become one; the unity of truth and revelation a form that verges on revelation. Letters survive their occasions, but only by being true to them. Much praise is due Dan H. Laurence, Shaw's editor. He's been at it for 27 years. (He has also produced a Shaw bibliography and editions of Shaw's *Music and Collected Plays* and has promoted Shaw in the theatre through Canada's Shaw Festival Company.)

Previous volumes have been rightly named models of discreet, reader-friendly editing. Laurence has avoided "bibliographical mania" and given us a monument worthy of Shavianism, whose "intelligence, honesty, astonishing zest, and vast good humour" is at present threatened, he says, by "biographical paparazzi and frenetic Freudians." (Laurence doesn't footnote his own prose; a paparazzo is a free-lance photographer of the sort that makes life exciting for Jackie Onassis and Sean Penn.)

Writing his letters nearly exhausted Shaw. We can only be glad he found the strength. They bear witness to the modern man of letters as hero, as someone who, having disavowed the possibility of grace, thinks things through. Finally, they warn of the dangers of excessive clarity. The *Christian Science Monitor* News Service.



John Lennon (left) and his biographer Albert Goldman.

Shocking revelations about ex-Beatle

Pompous purple pap

By Waldemar Januszak

OF all the shocking revelations in this thick book, top of my list would be the news that John Lennon funded the IRA.

But Albert Goldman, whose misunderstanding of the British psyche is shockingly complete, chooses to throw that one away in a line. What he makes a lot of, as we already know, is drug-taking, the screwing, the violence.

Goldman suggests that Lennon may have been responsible for three deaths: a British sailor in Hamburg; his friend Stu Sutcliffe; and one of Yoko's babies that died after John beat Yoko up and she miscarried. He also claims that Brian Epstein's mother walked in on a scene of John bugging Brian. And that Brian's death was not suicide at all but the result of some heavy sado-masochistic sex involving a guard.

Speculation

This enthusiastic speculation about the various guilts of Lennon and his circle takes up around 0.1 percent of the book. The rest, the interminable, hlabbering rest, is the really unpleasant stuff.

Looking for signs of repressed homosexuality, mother transference and the like, Goldman, who appears to have studied psychology on the back of a Shred-dies packet, spends most of this tome wrestling ferociously with the idea of John and Yoko. Even more shocking than his shockingly bad pop psychology is the space given over to his pretentious music criticism.

Did you know that A Hard Day's Night "is written in the mixolydian mode, an ancient vocal scale abandoned back in the dawn of modern tonality in the 17th century but preserved in British, Irish and American folk song." No, and I bet Lennon and McCartney didn't either.

Some 99.9 per cent of *The Lives of John Lennon* is pompous purple pap produced by a man who, unbelievably, was once professor of English at Columbia Univer-



sity. Of John Lennon: "He's a mack man, lean and mean, with a voice like a knife made of cold-rolled steel." Revelations about drugs, sex, even murder, this reader can take. But please, please, no more passages of Professor Goldman's creative writing.

And the Professor uses some pretty mean tactics to pin all sorts of psychological blame on Lennon. These include mind-reading. Of Lennon beating up a friend we read: "It would have ended in murder if John had not suddenly realized: 'If I hit him one more time, I'll kill him!'" Making an enormous effort of will, Lennon restrained himself.

Actually *The Lives of John Lennon* is a marginally worthwhile achievement than Goldman's last time out with Elvis. In Elvis the author's seemingly bottomless appetite for descriptions of Elvis's seemingly hottemed appetite for abuse made for nauseous reading. Lennon seems not to have inspired the same level of loathing and comes off rather better, ending the book, just a hero. It is Yoko who gets it from both barrels. Goldman also provides us with some rather useful accounts of the Beatles' tangled business dealings.

It seems that Harold Wilson gave the Beatles the MBE because they dismantled their tax shelter in the Caribbean, under the influence, it is suggested, of that "wealthy real-estate developer", Lord Goodman. I would trust Goldman's opinions on British public life more readily had he not already described Wilfred Brimble's voice as a "cut-crystal brogue." Come off it Albert, you dirty, ornish little man!

Incidentally from clues dropped in this text I think I might know the identity of Goldman's next victim. If you're reading this Bob Dylan, check your garbage extra-carefully tonight.

Lives of John Lennon, by Albert Goldman (Bantam £15)

Redemption through human love

By S. Mackay

SARA Banerji has an impressive literary pedigree. She is a descendant of Henry Fielding, the daughter of the novelist Anne Mary Fielding and she was born in a house adjoining Stoke Poges church, whose "curfew tolls the knell of parting day." Despite this provenance, her third novel, *The Tea-Planter's Daughter*, is as far from an English country churchyard in its setting as it is unelgic in tone and intent.

This celebration of the richness of life and of redemption through human love opens on an extraordinary, stormy day on a remote tea plantation in southern India.

As the wind rages, roads flood, trees are uprooted and rampaging elephants destroy everything in their path, the Hindu servants are making

frantic preparations for their mistress's 25th birthday party. They note with increasing alarm that Misses' "wilderness" is coming upon her.

Julia Clockhouse, demoted because her husband, Ben, has not returned from a visit to another estate in his jurisdiction, takes his horse out on a death-defying gallop through the monsoon, and then settles into the pink gins. Julia's celebrated craziness is attributed to being dropped on her head as a baby, and is manifest in levitation and an ability to move objects by willpower.

It was her husband's father who virtually sold Julia to Ben, promising him the post of estate manager in return for taking his daughter off his hands. Ben promised Julia's mother, Gwen, that he would make Julia happy but Gwen, an obsessive painter, had always been more concerned with light

and pigment than with her daughter.

For a while Julia, of the luminous hair crackling with supernatural energy, and lonely Ben, inexplicably detested by his mother, do make each other almost disgracefully happy, then comes estrangement. Before the story ends on a triumphant love duet they must overcome not only the elements but the bitterness of the past and accept themselves as they are. This is above all a generous book, as much in its depiction of the gun-swilling Europeans in the clubhouse as in the tenderness expressed by the more dignified Indian servants, dazzling with colour and light and convincing in its intertwining of fantasy and mysticism with the comic banalities of life.

The Tea-Planter's Daughter by Sara Banerji, Gollancz £11.95 pp90.

Photo images of Yemen

By Jennifer Potter

FREYA Stark complained about the roads, but found the long rolling plains and blue tumbling hills of North Yemen too beautiful for words. The images in *Arabian Moons* convey better than the text this most majestic landscape, which stretches from the hot dusty plains of the Red Sea to the precipitous man-made terraces and hill-top villages, perched like fortified eyries on the pinacles of the jagged highlands, and down again to the Empty Quarter.

The beauties of the Yemen landscape and architecture are known from Pascal Marcechaux's earlier photographs, *Arabia Felix, The Yemen and its People*, (Thames and Hudson 1980). This new work crosses into the interiors of those extraordinary houses, which Stark unfairly dismissed as either vulgar, or miserable little conglomerations of stone cubes.

Most revealing are the faces



Beauties of the Yemen landscape and architecture are featured in the book.

of women in a country where the majority are heavily veiled and altogether unwilling to be photographed. They indicate the measure of trust patiently won by the Marcechaux in their 12 years of travel.

The text by ethnologist Dominique Champault is generally informative, but humourless and irritating: "Water is life," we learn. "Like the heartbeat of a man, it is the pulse of a mountainside, flowing freely underground." Structure is pretentious too: three sequences of images organized around a day, a year, the centuries. Only the first, centred on a wedding party has any proper coherence, and, although concerned with the passage of time, the photographs stop short of confronting the present.

The text hints at Western influences: pre-recorded tapes of the call to prayer; television in the men's majlis or upper

room where they gather to chew qat, a narcotic shrub that looks and tastes like privet. But one has to search hard for any suggestion of the new in the photographs: a stainless steel wrist-watch worn among wedding finery; a safety pin holding in place a veil of artificial pearls; a neon light.

The Marcechaux frame everything with discretion, avoiding the new world of honking Toyotas and Yamahas. Just outside their elegantly lit photographs lies a 20th-century coating of plastic water bottles, tin cans, and plastic bags, that can turn the centres of even the remotest villages into wind-blown rubbish tips.

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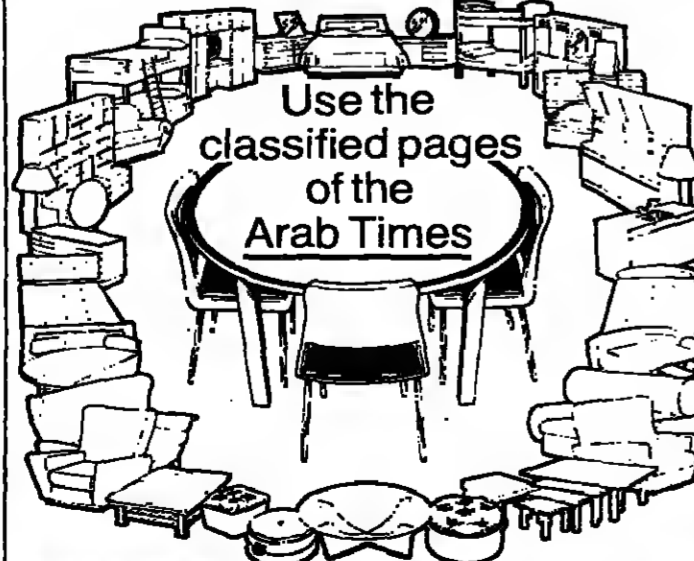


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Kingdom will clinch Games' title: Ridgeon

NAGARA, Japan, Sept 9. (Reuters) Defending champion Roger Kingdom will romp to his second Olympic 110 metres hurdles gold medal at the Seoul Games, one of his main rivals said today.

Britain's world championship silver medalist Jonathan Ridgeon believes the American will leave the rest chasing the minor medals in the Olympic final.

"It seems to me that Roger Kingdom has stamped his name on the gold medal," Ridgeon said from the British team's magnificent pre-Games training camp 100 km outside Tokyo.

"He is in pretty awesome shape this year and should win gold on his form this season."

"He's as strong as an ox and fast as hell," said the 21-year-old Cambridge University student.

"But the other medals are open. Anyone who runs well on the day could win a medal — but perhaps not the gold."

Kingdom raced to a surprise victory in Los Angeles four years ago but was then laid low by injury for two years.

But the 26-year-old has returned this year better than ever and has clocked the second and fourth fastest legal times in history.

Retain

His best of 12.97 seconds — just 0.04 of a second outside compatriot Renaldo Nehemiah's 1981 world mark — remains the quickest in the world this year.

"Should Kingdom win gold, he will become only the second man to retain the Olympic high hurdles title following Lee Calhoun's triumph in 1956 and 1960."

Ridgeon believes his own prospects have been dimmed by a virus infection which cost him six weeks' early season training and regards the two-week build-up to the Games as vital to his hopes.

"Obviously the priority for me is to make the final. Once you're there, anything can happen," said the World Student Games champion and former European junior gold medalist.

"I don't think the times are going to be stunning in the final," Ridgeon added.

"A lot of hurdlers are going to find it tough. They're going to have to run well in the semifinals — and then they'll find themselves hitting wood in the final."

SALAMANCA, Spain, Sept 9. (Reuters) Cuban javier Sotomayor broke the world high jump record yesterday with a leap of 2.43 metres.

The previous record of 2.42 metres was set by Sweden's Patrik Sjoberg on June 30 last year in Stockholm.

But Sotomayor will miss the Seoul Olympic Games because of the Cuban boycott.

Sotomayor said later of his record: "This was the greatest wish of my life... I am very happy today. I have no words to express what I feel."

The Spanish crowd sensed a record was in prospect when the Cuban easily cleared 2.40 metres at the first attempt.

Soared

He then asked for the bar to be raised to 2.43, failed the first time but then soared clear to the delight of everyone.

Sotomayor, 21 next month, served notice on Sjoberg in June of this year that he was after his record when he beat the Swede into third place at an international meeting in Sweden.

He cleared 2.38 metres that night but failed when the bar was raised to 2.43.

He also beat the Swede on Aug 31 in Rieti, Italy, but only cleared 2.33, compared to Sjoberg's 2.30.

Olympic bid for Coe fails

LONDON, Sept 9. (Reuters) A late bid to include double Olympic champion Seb Coe in the British team for Seoul has floundered.

And with the deadline for entries having passed yesterday, it seemed that the door had finally closed on Coe competing in the Olympics.

Officials here asked the British Olympic Association in South Korea to put Coe's name forward for the 4x400 metres relay squad.

They apparently thought that Coe could be switched at the last minute to either the 800 or 1,500 metres if compatriot Steve Cram, who suffered a calf muscle injury last week, was unfit.

But when the information was relayed to the British athletics team management in Japan, they discovered that any athlete named in a relay squad could not be switched to any individual event at the last minute.

STEUAU CRUSH SPARTA IN OPENER

Gullit takes Milan to 2-0 win over Sofia

LONDON, Sept 9. (Reuters) Ruud Gullit, the dreadlocked Dutchman who led the Netherlands to a memorable European championship triumph in June, returned to serious competitive action with a goal on Wednesday as Italian champions AC Milan won 2-0 in Bulgaria against Vitosha Sofia in the European Cup.

On a night of 53 matches in the three major European club soccer tournaments, Gullit stole the limelight by striking after 75 minutes to clinch an impressive first round first leg win for the Italians, making their first appearance in the Champions' Cup since 1979.

Disposal

Striker Pietro Paolo Viridis had earlier calmed the nerves of the Italian team, who have three members of the triumphant Dutch international side at their disposal this season, by opening the scoring after only 18 minutes.

The match was Milan's first competitive outing of the season as the Italian First Division programme does not start until October 9.

But they showed no signs of lack of match practice as they cruised to a victory which gives them a comfortable advantage for the second leg in Milan on October 5.

With holders PSV Eindhoven enjoying a first round bye, it was left to the 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest to display the quality expected of potential champions by winning 5-1 away to Sparta Prague.

The accomplished Romanian Army team came from a goal down to claim a spectacular victory with Marius Lacatus and Gheorghe Hagi each scoring twice and Dimitri Stoica netting once in reply to Roman Kullea's 18th minute opener.

Yugoslav champions Red Star Belgrade also hit five goals as they stormed to a 5-0 win in Ireland over Dundalk.

After a poor start in the Spanish First Division, Real Madrid, six times winners of the trophy and beaten semifinalists last season, recovered something like their usual form by crushing Moss of Norway 3-0.

All the goals came in the first half from Sebastian Losada, Miguel Tendillo and Emilio Butragueno to the relief of a 70,000-strong crowd at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

On an encouraging night for East European teams, there were victories for Soviet champions Spartak Moscow, who beat Glentoran of Northern Ireland 2-0, Gornik Zabrze of Poland, 3-0 victors over Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg and Honved Budapest, who revived memories of their past glories with a 1-0 win against Glasgow Celtic.

Jan Urban, the powerful and skilful Polish midfielder, scored twice for Gornik in their victory.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holders Mechelen of Belgium showed no signs of relinquishing their hold on the trophy they captured by beating Ajax Amsterdam in Strasbourg last May as they thrashed Beggen of Luxembourg 5-0.

But they owed the impetus of their victory to the striking power of two Dutchmen — Erwin Koeman, one of the brothers who starred alongside Gullit for the Netherlands in West Germany and former Ajax striker Johnny Bosman.

Koeman opened the scoring after 59 minutes and Bosman netted twice with a 61st minute penalty and in the 84th minute. Piet den Boer and transfer-seeking Eli Ohana grabbed the other goals.

To add to the continuing influence of Dutchmen in European soccer, Barcelona, now coached by Johan Cruyff, the former Ajax coach and a star player for the Catalan club in the 1970s — won 2-0 in Iceland against Fram Reykjavik. Spanish international midfielder Roberto Fernandez scoring both goals.

In the UEFA Cup there was a shock for holders Bayer Leverkusen who lost 1-0 at home to Portuguese League leaders Belenenses.

Stoycho Mladenov shot the



Ingrosso of Gothenburg Sweden and Konstantinou of Perzoporikos (foreground) challenge each other for possession of the ball during a European Cup match. Gothenburg won 2-1.



(Reuters wirephoto)

tough Lisbon side ahead after only six minutes and, though they enjoyed territorial advantage and plenty of possession, the West Germans — coached this season by Dutchman Rinus Michels — could not find a way of breaking through.

Michels, the Dutch European Championship-winning coach, said: "We all know the rules in the UEFA Cup. If you lose at home you don't have much hope of getting any further... But I think there's a possibility of getting through to the second round in Lisbon."

Argentine World Cup-winning captain Diego Maradona was the saviour for his Italian club Napoli who scraped a 1-0 win over Paok Salonika of Greece.

Maradona scored the only goal of the game with a 58th minute penalty to spare his team the wrath of a 65,000 crowd at the Sao Paolo stadium.

But Juventus slipped to a 1-0 defeat in Romania, Proff scoring the only goal of their tie with Otelul Galati from the penalty spot.

Benfica, beaten European Cup finalists last season, made an emphatic start to their UEFA Cup campaign by winning 3-0 in France against Montpellier.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Astros overcome Dodgers

HOUSTON, Sept 9. (AP) Nolan Ryan pitched a five-hitter and didn't walk a batter for the first time this year as he led the second-place Houston Astros to a 2-1 decision over the National League West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers last night.

"I felt good, and if I feel that I can still be effective late in the game, I want the complete game," said the 41-year-old right-hander, who helped the Astros move within five games of the Dodgers with his third complete game of the year.

It was the first time in 31 starts this season that Ryan, the Major League's all-time leader in walks with 2,441, had gone an entire game without walking a batter. Ryan, who beat the Dodgers for the first time in his last five attempts, has allowed only eight walks in his last six starts — a span covering 42 innings.

Reds 2, Padres 1

Jose Rijo, making his first start since Aug 14, combined with two relievers on a four-hitter as Cincinnati ended a six-game San Diego winning streak.

Rijo, 12-8, who had been on the disabled list since Aug 18 with tendinitis in his right elbow, allowed only two hits in six innings. He struck out six and retired 15 consecutive batters in one stretch.

Mets 13, Cubs 6

Howard Johnson had five of New York's season-high 20 hits, including a three-run homer in a five-run seventh, to lead the Mets.

Darryl Strawberry hit his League-leading 33rd homer and a pair of singles to drive in three runs and Dwight Gooden, 17-6, won his fourth consecutive decision. Gooden, who allowed 10 hits in seven innings, is 15-3 lifetime against Chicago.

Results

American League	Score
New York	7 Detroit 4
Oakland	5 Kansas City 1
California	4 Texas 3

National League

New York	13 Chicago 6
Montreal	5 Pittsburgh 4
St Louis	1 Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati	2 San Diego 1
Houston	2 Los Angeles 1
San Francisco	3 Atlanta 2

S. Koreans watch Games rehearsals

SEOUL, Sept 9. (Reuters) More than 40,000 people selected for their contribution to raising South Korea from the ruins of war were bussed from all corners of the country yesterday to watch a rehearsal of the Olympic Games opening ceremony.

The workers and officials from provincial towns and farms who packed the Olympic stadium, all agents and beneficiaries of the state's economic miracle, saw the sports festival as a new boost to the prestige of their once-shattered state.

"The Olympics will make Korea richer," said Lee Soo-Na, a 45-year-old farmworker from Hongchun in the mountainous north-east, as a rock singer gave voice on a silver stage in the middle of stadium.

Developed

"My home town will benefit, the streets will get cleaner. These Games will help make us more self-confident, like people in a developed country," she added.

Most saw the Games starting on September 17 as a step on the ladder to personal and national gain, reflecting South Korea's single-minded rush for economic growth since the end of the 1950-53 war that left the Korean peninsula divided.

Chung Kyung-Yool, 62, a farmer from near the south-eastern city of Taegu, said: "The point of the Games is to inform the world about Korea. This will be profitable and increase exports."

Taegu is famous for its food products and, like others, Chung saw prospects for new foreign markets for the area's products.

Kim Yong-Ki, a 53-year-old van driver from Kowon in the craggy mountains of central southern Korea near Songnisan National Park, said: "We can show the tourists, athletes and journalists how developed the country is."



A South Korean dancer dressed in a traditional 'hanbok' costume waves an Olympic flag during the rehearsal (Reuters wirephoto)

Few knew the names of foreign athletes, though at least one looked forward to the eagerly-awaited clash on the track between sprinters Carl Lewis of the United States and Canadian Ben Johnson.

Athletes were gradually filling the Olympic village where officials said more than 2,100 from 79 countries were now in residence. About 13,000 from 161 countries are expected.

Meanwhile Olympic officials are leaving nothing to chance as they prepare for another round in the often fruitless fight to stamp out drug abuse in sport.

In the 20 years since doping controls were first introduced at the Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France, drug usage has invaded almost every corner of the sporting spectrum.

Improve

The Olympic movement has made strenuous efforts to deter athletes from using prohibited substances to improve performance and has devised elaborate procedures for the Seoul Games to pinpoint drug miscreants.

"We are 100 percent confident we will catch any athlete using drugs and we are also 100 percent certain no one will be able to challenge the results," said Dr Park Chong-Se, who works in the Games' official testing laboratory.

"Let's hope we can develop our tourist resort," he added.

The festival of colour and movement in the stadium was almost complete — one ingredient missing was the athletes.

Most of those interviewed in the audience were looking to the country's judo experts to satisfy the demand for gold, although there was also hope for medals in table tennis, wrestling and boxing.

Royals set to converge on Seoul

SEOUL, Sept 9. (Reuters) A royal flush of princes and princesses is about to converge on the Olympic city of Seoul.

Games organisers are standing by to receive 16 members of royal families from around the world who are scheduled to descend on Seoul as spectators or sports administrators.

But the figure is less than the prestige-seeking South Koreans organisers had hoped for.

"Some royal family members do not want to be here during the Games because they are scared of terrorism," said a senior official of the organising committee's protocol department.

The most senior of the visitors will be King Carl Gustav of Sweden.

Sweden, although he will fly home the day before the Games opening ceremony on Sept 17 in order to attend to constitutional duties connected with Sweden's forthcoming general election.

King Carl Gustav will be visiting Seoul primarily to promote the candidacy of the Swedish town of Osterund which is bidding for the 1994 Winter Games. The Olympic authorities will choose from four candidates on Sept 15.

Rode

Best known of the royal visitors will be Britain's Princess Royal, a former European three-day event equestrian champion who rode in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Formerly Princess Anne, she was elected to membership of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during the Winter Games in Calgary in February this year.

When she takes her seat on the IOC, the Princess Royal will join a posse of princes and princesses who maintain the blue blooded line which has been a feature of the committee since the Olympic movement was founded by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1894.

She will sit alongside Princess Nora of Liechtenstein, Prince Albert of Monaco, Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia and Prince Alexandre de Merode of Belgium.

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Stars and Stripes wins first America's Cup race

SAN DIEGO, Sept 9. (Reuters) US skipper Dennis Conner on board Stars and Stripes swept aside the giant challenger New Zealand on Wednesday in the first race of the 1988 America's Cup, reaching home more than a mile ahead.

The New Zealanders had said their needle-nosed 133-foot sloop was no match for the lightweight catamaran and Conner proved them right for the first of the best-of-three series.

After a 14-month court battle to force the San Diego Yacht Club to accept its challenge and an unsuccessful attempt to ban the catamaran, New Zealand had no answer to Stars and Stripes at sea.

Breezes

New Zealand was expected to have its best chance in Wednesday's two-leg 40-mile race, a straight run into the wind and back, sailed in light breezes.

Stars and Stripes trailed the Kiwi yacht by 10 seconds at the start but was in a starboard position with a clear breeze and right of way and able to dictate the pattern of the race.

New Zealand's 30-year-old skipper David Barnes tried everything in his power to get past Conner. The huge yacht tacked sharply — nine times in as many minutes — but Conner had the speed to merely keep a loose cover on Barnes.

Conner's crew leapt to their feet and shook hands on the trampoline between the two hulls of their catamaran as it surged across the line watched by spectators on more than 1,000 craft.

Stars and Stripes sailed in under a huge gennaker sail carrying the name of one of its sponsors — the first time commercial sponsorship has been permitted in an America's Cup.

Stars and Stripes completed the course in four hours 53 minutes and 54 seconds — 18 minutes and 15 seconds ahead of New Zealand.

Mid-way through the 40-mile course Stars and Stripes led by nine minutes four seconds with a school of dolphins — a good luck sign for sailors — at the twin bows of the guhsmoke-blue yacht.

The downwind leg to the finish was an effortless cruise for the catamaran with New Zealand almost a speck on the horizon — still in Mexican waters as Conner sailed north to California.

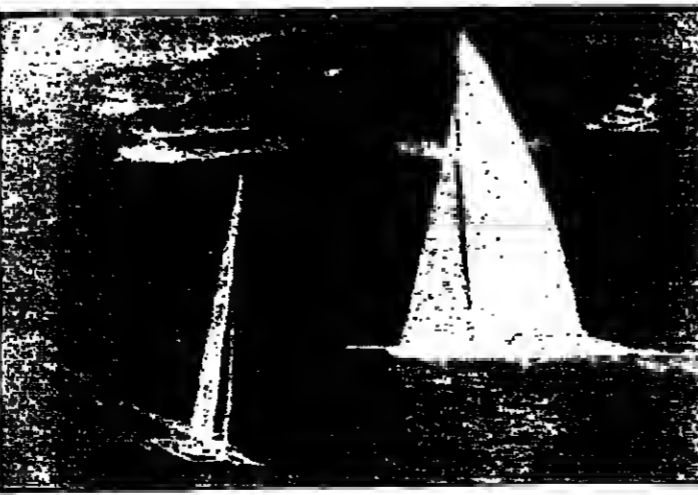
The southwesterly sea breeze blew six to 12 knots through the race.

Stars and Stripes should excel in today's 39-mile triangular race, which has two reaching legs across the wind where the catamaran is at its best.

Conner has arranged two big victory parties for tomorrow evening, convinced he can beat New Zealand in two straight races.

A member of the New Zealand crew, which has accused Conner of making a mockery of the series, said he was still waiting for his invitation.

But the final race battle has apparently yet to be fought — in the courts.



Stars and Stripes (left) and New Zealand make their first tack. (Reuters wirephoto)



Conner (right) waves his cap after crossing the finish line. (Reuters wirephoto)

Tyson denies he tried to commit suicide



Green (right) argues with a construction worker outside Tyson's hospital room. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Sept 9. (Reuters) World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson yesterday denied a newspaper report that a car crash which put him in hospital for three days was a suicide attempt.

"It's ridiculous," Tyson told a New York television station in his first interview since the New York Daily News article was published on Wednesday.

"I can't believe somebody could consider me trying to kill myself. No one loves life more than I do."

Tyson's car crashed into a tree on Sunday near his training camp 150 miles north of New York City.

Transferred

The undisputed champion blacked out for 20 to 30 minutes and sustained a concussion, doctors said. He was transferred to a Manhattan hospital for tests and observation. He left the hospital on Wednesday.

Tyson, interviewed by telephone, gave station WNYW his explanation of the accident. "I just took off and lost control. I always take off kind of crazy and drive kind of fast."

Doctors have ordered Tyson not to train for 30 to 60 days, forcing postponement of a title defence against Britain's Frank Bruno in London which had been scheduled for October 22.

That bout had already been postponed by two weeks after Tyson broke his right hand in a street scuffle with former heavyweight contender Mitch Green.

Bruno said on Wednesday he was disappointed over the latest postponement of his fight but was still keen to meet Tyson.

"It's sickening but what do you want me to do, start crying?" he said.

"It has been a bit confusing but I am a man now. That's life," he said, adding: "I want to prove myself against the champion."

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World record

EAST BERLIN, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Petra Felke set a world women's javelin record of 80.00 metres today on the second day of the East German pre-Olympic athletics meeting. Felke, 29, set the previous record of 78.90 metres at a meeting in Leipzig on July 29 last year.

England manager

LONDON, Sept. 9. (Reuters): England soccer manager Bobby Robson said yesterday he had seriously considered resigning but had decided to stay on until their World Cup fate was decided.

New engines

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Honda confirmed today they will be splitting with Lotus and supplying only McLaren with their new normally-aspirated engines next season.

World champion

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 9. (Reuters): World champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil will stay with Lotus for next year's Formula One motor racing season, the British team announced today.

Mary Slaney

EUGENE, Oregon, Sept. 9. (Reuters): US athletics star Mary Slaney, a strong Olympic gold medal prospect over 1,500 and 3,000 metres, has an infection for more than two weeks and has only just resumed training for Seoul, the Oregonian newspaper reported yesterday.

St Leger race

DONCASTER, England, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Brave filly Diminundo, unbeaten since the English 1,000 Guineas, looks set to give top trainer Henry Cecil a third St Leger victory in four years tomorrow.

Boris Becker

MUNICH, West Germany, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Twice Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said today he would not take part in the Seoul Olympics after all because an injury to his right foot had not healed.

Swiss champion

GENEVA, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Swiss world and European shot champion Werner Guenther's training for the Seoul Olympics has been interrupted by an attack of gastric flu, Swiss television reported yesterday.

Close battle

SEOUL, Sept. 9. (Reuters): One of the most hotly contested battles for honours in Seoul will be decided two days before the Olympics officially open. The venue for the 1994 Winter Games is to be chosen by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on September 15 from a field of four eager candidates.

London side to play in Kuwait

A BRITISH Airways cricket team is scheduled to play two matches in Kuwait next month. The side from London will include former Indian Test star Farokh Engineer and Don Wilson, MCC head coach at Lord's. Wilson has also played for England.

The team will be staying at the Kuwait Sheraton, who together with Alghanims are co-sponsors of this event which has been organised to celebrate the launch of a flight to Madras by the British Airways.

The first match will be against a Kuwait Select XI on October 21 and the second on October 23 against Great Britain XI.

PLAYERS WITH S. AFRICA LINKS FACE VISA BAN

India scuppers England cricket tour

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9. (Reuters): The Indian government effectively scuppered England's winter cricket tour of India today by saying it would refuse visas to players with South African links.

At least eight of England's 16-strong squad named for the 11-week tour, including captain Graham Gooch, would be barred from entering India by the government's decision.

A spokesman for the External Affairs Ministry did not name individuals but made clear it was casting its net wide.

"We must make it abundantly clear that we would not permit entry into India for the purposes of the tour any player having, or likely to have, sporting links with South Africa," he said.

Spelled

The other seven players selected who figure on a United Nations' blacklist of sportsmen with South African links are vice-captain John Emburey, Allan Lamb, Kim Barnett, Roh Bailey, Tim Robinson, Graham Dilley and Phil Newport.

Asked whether the decision spelled the end of England's tour, due to start in December, the spokesman told reporters: "I do not think that they can play with eight players."

The Indian government's action was not aimed at individual players, he said, but at England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) which had delayed tougher measures



Gooch: aroused Indian anger

against cricketers playing in South Africa.

England signed the anti-apartheid Gleneagles agreement in 1977, raising expectations that it would work to reduce sporting contacts with South Africa.

"Players who have wilfully chosen to play in South Africa in

disregard of these expectations are now being put on the English Test team," he said.

"It is clear that the Test and County Cricket Board are not doing what was expected of them."

Last year's cricket World Cup was allowed to go ahead, he said,

on the clear understanding that a West Indies and Zimbabwe resolution to the International Cricket Conference (ICC) to tighten restrictions would be pressed.

"Nothing could be resolved, largely owing to the attitudes of the TCCB, which we understand has introduced a new issue claiming a right of veto in favour of the founder members, England and Australia," the spokesman said.

In London, TCCB officials were expected to study the Indian statement before deciding whether to call off the trip or wait for official rejection of the eight players from the tour.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said: "We want confirmation of the precise nature of the statement. If eight of our players are rejected, everybody knows what that means."

"If the tour is off — and it looks as though it is if these statements are correct — it will take a bit of time to consider if we can arrange something else for the winter."

Indian ire was roused particularly by Gooch's announcement that he had broken a contract to play in South Africa in order to take the captaincy.

A vehement campaign against allowing Gooch into India was mounted by anti-apartheid activists.

The Indian decision was immediately welcomed by Anand Sharma, a member of

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party, who spearheaded the anti-Gooch campaign.

Sharma said in a statement he hoped "the TCCB will do some self-introspection and join the rest of the world to ban players having links with South Africa."

The External Affairs Ministry spokesman said India was forced to act now because it could not wait until the next ICC meeting in January, but denied any links with India's bid to host the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Sports Ministry sources, however, said the decision on the venue, to be announced in Seoul on September 15, was a factor in the Indian decision to bar the England eight because of the number of black African votes at stake.

Current

Meanwhile, a prominent English politician forecast the end of international cricket in its current form.

John Carlisle, a Member of Parliament with the ruling Conservative Party, said: "We must now tell the Indians that we are sorry but the tour cannot go ahead in these circumstances. Today sees the end of international cricket as we know it."

"The message to the selectors is that they must stand firm and by their original selection. The Indians must be told that England selectors choose the team and not the Indian government."

Wood and Siddons lift Australia

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Australia were put in a sound position by Graeme Wood and Jamie Siddons, the veteran and the newcomer respectively, against the Governor of Baluchistan's XI today.

Wood was top scorer with 91 and Siddons hit 60 to lift the touring team to 252 for six at the close of the opening day of their three-day tour match.

Wood, recalled for the tour after a three-year absence from Test cricket, and the uncapped Siddons put on 114 for the third wicket after openers Dean Jones and Mike Veletta had both gone cheaply.

Siddons' half century came in his first innings of the tour. Leg-spinner Peter Sleep helped to consolidate with an unbeaten 32.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings
D. Jones b Habib Baluch 16
M. Veletta lbw b Azim Hafeez 17
J. Siddons b Tariq Baluch 60
G. Wood c Zulqarnain b Habib Baluch 91
S. Waugh lbw b Iqbal Qasim 22
P. Sleep not out 31
I. Healy c Zulqarnain b Azim Hafeez 4
Extras (lb-1 lb-2 w-5 nb-1) 9
Total (for six wickets) 252
Fall of wickets: 1-33 2-43 3-157 4-192 5-232 6-249

Bowling to date: Azim Hafeez 11-0-47-2, Habib Baluch 15-3-47-2, Iqbal Qasim 19-5-41-1, Akhtar Hussain 15-26-0, Raza Ahmed 13-1-42-0, Tariq Baluch 11-2-18-1, Awar Miandad 3-0-18-0.

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Al Wazzan fails to finish

Al Mousawi wins Bahrain Rally

By Gail Seery
in Bahrain

ABBAS AL MOUSAWI of Qatar scored a comprehensive 5 minutes, 21 second victory over fellow countryman Mubarak Al Hajri in yesterday's Bahrain BP 4x4 rally, notching up double top honours for both Qatar and Mitsubishi.

In many ways, Mousawi benefited from a great deal of luck, when rally leader Tareq Al Wazzan, sponsored by the Arab Times and Marlboro, broke his front axle and was forced out of the event.

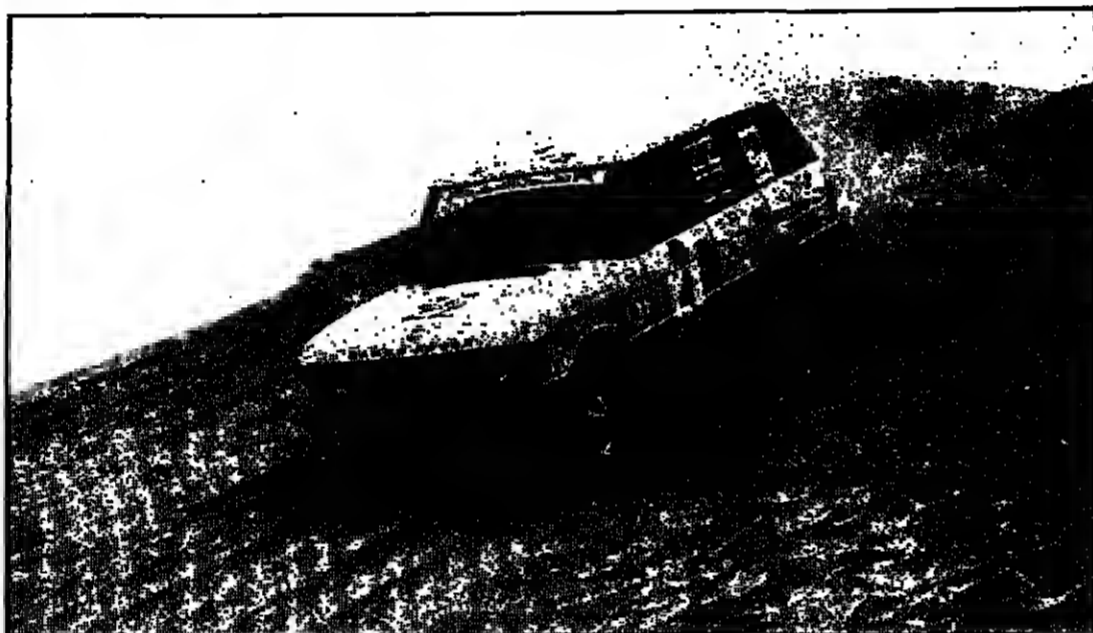
Fellow Kuwaiti Eid Falah took an early lead in the rally, drawing both on the power of his 350 BHP car and on his undeniable skills as a driver. He completed stage one in 2 minutes 52 seconds, against Al Wazzan's 2:55. Abbas Al Mousawi put in a time of 3 minutes 08, due to a loose plug.

This rectified, Al Mousawi speeded up considerably, but not enough to catch Falah. Al Wazzan lost some seven seconds, but the gap at the end of the first night was 6 seconds between Eid Falah in first place and Sultan Soweidi in second. Al Wazzan was lying third, 9 seconds adrift of Falah.

Problems

The veteran driver made up the time deficit to take the lead from Falah on the first stage of the second day. Al Mousawi also surged forward, and now that his engine problems were cured, suffered no more setbacks.

From then on until stage 10, the Arab Times driver lengthened his lead to 21 seconds, and it was clear that neither Al Mousawi, with his 270 HP engine, nor Eid Falah, could contend.



Eid Falah: took third place

"I never saw Tareq drive so well," said his navigator Khaled Khalifa.

However, Al Wazzan was aware that things were not perfect with his car. Despite the fact that he was being forced to push his low powered car far harder than his rivals, his mechanics had too little time to completely service his car during the morning, and Al Wazzan had to be content with oil and petrol while Al Mousawi had professional support from the Mitsubishi Rallyart team.

On stage 10 disaster struck. This was the same stage where he encountered fuel pump problems in last year's event — a fact which made his breaking that much more frustrating.

Al Wazzan had been struggling to keep his car on line, because his suspension was no

longer 100%. Rounding an easy left: the Range Rover swung wide, Al Wazzan hit a jump and his front axle broke on landing. Al Wazzan told the Arab Times, "I am very happy, I took the lead and very disappointed to have lost in this way."

His departure from the rally took Al Mousawi into an unsailable position. Eid Falah lost his place due to a navigator error, when his Zayani Range Rover entered the twelfth stage a full 10 minutes early. This elementary mistake allowed the talented Mubarak Al Hajri to claim the 2nd place. Although Falah was able to pull back some seconds he was bad to resign himself to third place.

Mamdouh Khayat, lying in fourth at the end of the first night, went out early on day 2 with suspension failure, while Mohammed Mattar of Dubai

dropped out with a broken gear box.

Sultan Soweidi, who started well, lost a full six minutes to electrical problems on SS3.

Of the 20 drivers who set out, 12 completed the event. Abbas Al Mousawi will now go on to the Desert Challenge final in Dubai in December, while Tareq Al Wazzan sets his sight on victory in the Kuwait 4x4 Rally in October.

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Agassi eliminates Connors

Garrison shocks Navratilova at US Open

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Zina Garrison pulled off the biggest upset of the shock-filled US Open tennis championships when she toppled two-time defending champion Martina Navratilova in a three-set thriller on Wednesday to reach the semifinals.

Garrison, who had failed to reach a tournament final all year, beat the world number two 6-4 6-7 7-5 for her first victory after 21 defeats to Navratilova.

Struggled

The 24-year-old Garrison, the 11th seed, squandered a 5-0 lead in the second set as Navratilova struggled out of a hole that would have given Houdini pause.

But the determined serve-and-volleyer stayed with it and clinched a one hour 33-minute victory over Navratilova with a perfect drop shot volley on her sixth match point.

The Texan, one of the few black women players on the

professional tour, jumped up and down with fists clenched to celebrate her greatest victory.

The stunning result capped a day of near-disaster for other tournament favourites. Chris Evert, Gabriela Sabatini and men's second seed Mats Wilander all had to battle back from a set down before reaching the finals.

The only winner to sail through was Grand Slam candidate Steffi Graf. The 19-year-old West German moved to within two wins of adding the US Open to her Australian, French and Wimbledon crowns by beating Bulgarian Katerina Maleeva 6-3 6-0.

The third-seeded Evert, the 33-year-old six-time Open champion, fought off Manuela Maleeva, Katerina's older sister, 3-6 6-4 6-2, while Sabatini, the fifth seed, overcame Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 4-6 6-4 6-1.

Wilander, trying to add his



Andre Agassi

first Open title to victories earlier this year at the Australian and French championships, regrouped after a sluggish start

to eliminate stubborn Spaniard Emilio Sanchez 3-6 7-6 6-0 6-4.

Yesterday teenager Andre Agassi showed Jimmy Connors the future of American tennis, eliminating the 36-year-old veteran in straight sets in the quarterfinals.

Agassi, who rocketed from 27th in the world at the beginning of the year to fourth now, overpowered a game Connors with a 6-2 7-6 (8-6) 6-1 victory, the 23rd consecutive win for the 18-year-old Agassi.

Agassi will face three-time defending champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in a semifinal match tomorrow.

The top-seeded Lendl advanced with his best match of the Open so far by eliminating unseeded American Derrick Rostagno 6-2 6-2 6-0.

The other men's semifinal pits unseeded Australian Darren Cahill against Wilander. Connors, a five-time US Open champion who was a profes-

sional player when Agassi was born, was as game as his 36-year-old legs would allow. But in the end it was the youth and the powerful and deep groundstrokes of the younger man which ruled the match.

"I didn't think he had it in him," Agassi said of Connors. "His will to fight was unbelievable, so intense you could feel it."

Test

Katerina's older sister Manuela offered Evert a sterner test before the third set prevailed.

Evert out

Evert pulled out of the semifinals of the US Open today because of a stomach virus, organisers said.

Evert's withdrawal gave Graf a free pass into tomorrow's women's singles final.

Graf's opponent in the final will be fifth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, who defeated No. 11 Zina Garrison 6-4, 7-5 in today's semifinals.



Senna (left) with Prost.

Senna on course for record 10th pole spot

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 9. (Reuters): World championship leader Ayrton Senna of Brazil put himself on course for a record 10th pole position in one season when he clocked the fastest time in today's opening qualifying session for the Italian Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, who leads McLaren team-mate Alain Prost by three points and three wins in their thrilling duel for the world title, outpaced the Frenchman by just 0.10 of a second for the provisional pole.

Senna recorded a best time of one minute 26.160 seconds during the first half of a session run in warm sunshine at the high-speed 5.8-km Monza circuit set in wooded parkland 20 km north of Milan.

Drove

Prost, who conceded he had no realistic hope of beating Senna to the title after the Belgian Grand Prix two weeks ago, showed no signs of relaxation as he drove 18 laps compared to the Brazilian's 12 in a bid to overhaul him.

But his efforts were in vain on a day when the McLaren pair continued to display their supremacy over all their rivals on a circuit tailor-made for the turbo-powered cars.

The Ferraris of Italian Michele Alboreto, making his farewell appearance at Monza

for the famous Italian team, and Austrian Gerhard Berger were third and fourth quickest respectively though neither could accompany the McLarens in breaking the one minute 27 second barrier.

American Eddie Cheever was fifth quickest with Arrows team mate Derek Warwick just behind him ahead of world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil in a Lotus.

Italian Alessandro Nannini was ninth fastest, the only normally-aspirated contender in the top 10 in his Benetton.

Senna, who survived one of the few dangerous incidents of the day when he went straight through a sand trap at the second chicane, said he was satisfied with his car.

"It seemed pretty good," he said. "I only used one set of tyres on the race car because I wanted to check that everything was okay with the spare car I am using this weekend."

"I was in the spare when I made the mistake and went straight on at the chicane."

Prost, who complained of fuel injection problems during the free session in the morning, was still not happy in the afternoon.

"The throttle response is not good at low revs," he said. "I had a misfire which I could feel even in the pits."

Jansher edges Dittmar

SINGAPORE, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Top seed Jansher Khan came from behind to beat third seed Chris Dittmar of Australia 5-15 15-8 4-15 15-5 15-8 today to set up an all-Pakistani final against second seed Jahangir Khan in the Singapore Squash Open.

Jansher's superior fitness helped him overcome Dittmar's challenge despite the Australian's fine play in the first and third games, when he forced the world number one into repeated errors in long rallies.

Second seed Jahangir, who regained the world title from Jansher this year, got into the final more easily by beating Australian Rodney Martin 15-9 15-10 15-5.

Jahangir engaged Martin in a series of long rallies in the open-

ing game, won most of them and then moved 14-5 ahead in the second as his rival made a succession of errors. Martin recovered slightly, but insufficiently, and Jahangir sailed through the third.

"I'm happy with my form," he said.

Women's top seed Lisa Opie of England reached her final with a simple 15-4 15-6 15-6 win over teammate Fiona Geaves.

"It was easier than I thought," Opie said later. "We play a similar game but I'm a stronger player."

Second-seeded compatriot Martine Le Moignan will face Opie after eliminating third-seeded teammate Lucy Soutter 15-6 15-17 15-7 15-10.



95.3% PASS RATE

The Gulf English School announced today that the aggregate pass rate for the 1988 General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) examinations was 95.3%. For the advanced level examinations taken by 5th year pupils the aggregate pass rate was 83.3%.

The Principal, Mr Robert Sheffield, stated that the school's confidence in introducing the new examination three years ago has been justified by the excellent results attained, 100% pass rates being obtained in most subject areas. He congratulated the pupils on their success and paid tribute to hard-working staff and pupils who enable such excellent results to be achieved. He also stated that the 'A' level results are excellent given that they were achieved by 5th year pupils who undertook the normal two-year course in one year and in one subject area in six months.

Asim Ali, a 5th year pupil of the Gulf English School achieved a 100% pass rate in the 1988 General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) examination.

Asim was awarded the Student of the Year and is shown receiving his prize from the Head of the Private Schools Department, Dr Youssef Al Shahr.

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